

# WEATHER FORECAST

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# WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Dominion—Don't Tell Everybody.  
Royal—Hullo, Canada.  
Capitol—Uncharted Seas.  
Columbia—Dempsey-Carpenter Fight.  
Picture.  
Variety—The Other Woman.

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE TIMES

## New U. S. Programme For Limitation of Submarines Offered

Plan Laid Before Conference Committee To-day Calls For 60,000 Tons For British Empire and U. S. and Existing Tonnage For Other Nations.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An American programme for limitation of submarine tonnage was presented to-day to the naval armament committee of the five powers at the Washington Conference.

The American programme proposes a submarine tonnage of 60,000 each for Great Britain and the United States and the existing tonnage for Japan, France and Italy.

The American proposal would cut the existing submarine tonnage of the United States and Great Britain about one-third each and leave the other three powers in their present position—France approximately 42,000 tons, Japan 32,000 tons and Italy about 22,000 tons.

The British proposal for the total abolition of submarines was said to have been placed on file without definite action, the committee turning to the discussion of the American limitation plan. It will meet again at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Treaty.  
Washington, Dec. 24.—The session of the International Conference on Naval Armament Committee to-day shared the attention of the delegates with the new programme given by the four-power treaty discussions. The President Harding's public statement last yesterday, characterizing the differences over interpretation of the pact as "unimportant." Declaring he would "refer no comment" on the disputes which attempt to "magnify the differing constructions" of the treaty, Mr. Harding asked that the lesser questions of differences be not permitted to obscure the central purpose of the agreement to preserve peace.

## BUFFALO HERDS GROW RAPIDLY

Canada Is Developing New Meat Supply

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—A joint of buffalo for the Canadian Christmas dinner may soon become as typical of the feast as turkey and roast beef have been for so long. Buffaloes in the Canadian national parks are increasing so rapidly that there is every prospect that they will soon be on the market for food. Quite evidently the Canadian Government made an excellent bargain when it purchased the herd from Michael Fabio of Montana in 1907.

Various schemes are being tried for using up the surplus. At Saskatchewan the University of Saskatchewan is experimenting with a scheme for domesticating the buffalo.

Cattalo.  
Another scheme, according to the officials of the Dominion Park Board, seeks to bring about a suitable farm animal for crossing with domestic cattle. Hereford and Poll Angus breeds have been used and the resulting species have been named Cattalo. Photographs in possession of the Parks Branch show a shaggy, powerfully built animal with a white face. "The beard and hump are still in evidence and the Cattalo is much heavier than its ancestors on the same side. The object of the experiment is to produce an animal which will "rustle" outdoors for its food in the winter, with the more sober habits of the domestic cow.

Last winter Cattalo and buffalo were subjected to a test of taste by a number of Ottawa people. Out of twenty-five, the records show that sixteen of the samplers gave as their opinion that Cattalo was superior to domestic beef.

## NEW INDUSTRIAL CREDIT SCHEME

Plan Will Be Tried in Manitoba

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—A system of industrial credits, similar to the rural credits scheme, will be put into operation early in the new year by the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, it became known to-day.

The proposal, which is only in a tentative form, will be to lend money to small industrial concerns, such as store-keepers, small merchants, small manufacturers and tradesmen, either in business or wishing to engage in business on their account. Security will be required in every case. \$5,000,000 Needed.

## CONVINCED EMPIRE'S COURSE RIGHT ONE

Delegates Continue Arguments Against Submarines

Balfour Made Impression at Washington

Washington, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Another broadside was fired against the submarine by Arthur J. Balfour yesterday afternoon. It came as a reply to the speech of Admiral Debon, of the French delegation, at the meeting of the committee of the International Conference on reduction of naval armaments.

Mr. Balfour's speech followed upon Lord Lee's speech Thursday and made a profound impression upon the committee.

Mr. Balfour spoke at length and with a deep earnestness that carried conviction.

France.  
The French delegation is standing out not only for the continuance of submarines in warfare, but is asking that France be allowed to build submarines to the extent of 95,000 tons.

This would be a more than doubling of the present tonnage. It was also allowed the British Empire or the United States in the Hughes proposal and is more than double the tonnage of the British Empire at the present time. It would mean that other powers would have to increase largely their anti-submarine craft, which include vessels of every kind except capital ships.

Speaking on the subject last night, Lord Lee said the British Empire would stand by the naval ratio agreed upon in respect to capital ships but that no saving would be effected to the taxpayers of the great powers if there was to be a large increase in submarine and anti-submarine craft.

Great Expenditure.  
Mr. Balfour said that nearly 4,600 craft of various kinds had been required to guard the Atlantic and Mediterranean against the German submarines during the war although they were seldom more than ten of these vessels in actual operation at one time.

The British Empire delegation will continue to press for abolition of the submarine, not only at committee sessions but in a public debate at a plenary session next week.

## Rotarians Work all Night; Tot Asks Coal For Her Invalid Daddy

Working all through last night, Rotary Club members who are managing the Rotary Christmas Fund sent out scrip for goods to the value of \$7,000 to poor families in all parts of Victoria to-day.

This money will provide needy people with clothing, fuel and food. Next week the Rotarians will hold a Christmas tree party for children in the Pantages Theatre, but in the meantime they need more money to make sure that large numbers of families are fed, clothed and kept warm to-morrow.

The original goal of \$10,000 is not far off now but such have been the last-minute demands upon the fund that a great deal more money is required. So that many people may be given supplies of food the fund will remain open until next Wednesday, it was announced to-day.

When Rotarian Laurie Edwards's Relief Committee started work in the Rotary offices last night it was faced with what seemed to be a hopeless task. Lists of names were piled up a foot high. By midnight only half of the cases investigated by Rotary workers had been attended to. So the Rotarians decided to make a night of it. At 5 o'clock this morning the last envelope containing scrip for food, fuel and clothing was put in the post box and the Rotarians went home for breakfast about 6 o'clock.

A great part of the scrip is for boots, Mr. Edwards explained to-day.

## BRITISH SUPPORT THEIR DELEGATES

General Opinion Favors No More Submarines

Regret Expressed Way Appears So Hard

Comments Made by Old Country Papers

London, Dec. 24.—Presentation to the Washington conference of Great Britain's plea for abolition of the submarine as a naval weapon has aroused the greatest interest here. The newspaper comment at length upon the speech of Lord Lee, First Lord of the Admiralty, before the conference on Thursday in which he made the proposal and outlined the reasons prompting it.

General opinion undoubtedly favors abolition and there are many regrets that there seems to be no prospect of the proposal being adopted here. There is some skepticism regarding the possibility of preventing the use of submarines even if the conference adopted Lord Lee's proposals.

Other Nations.  
Voicing this doubt, The Morning Post disclaims the suggestion that the powers represented at Washington would break their pledge to abolish naval undersea craft if they have other nations not represented in the conference. Moreover, in the stress of war all rules and restrictions for the Government and control of the sea are over-ruled by the law of necessity and we may regret the refusal of the present conference to agree to abolition of the submarine because no such prohibition could be effected.

The newspaper argues that the developments at Washington point to the necessity of Great Britain maintaining an adequate force of cruisers and small craft for the protection of her commerce against submarines.

Armed Merchantmen.  
The Daily Mail declares that the toleration of submarine warfare is a compromise depending upon their communications for sustenance to arm their merchantmen, with unhappy and undesirable consequences.

The Times, which thinks Lord Lee's arguments are unanswerable from the British point of view, deprecates attaching excessive importance to any defeat of the British proposal and adds:

"We must face the facts as they are."  
Diplomatic Game.  
The Westminster Gazette is suspicious of France and says her attitude regarding the proportion in which submarines are to be retained depends largely upon her success in asserting her claims for German reparations.

"A high diplomatic game is being played in crisis-cross between London, Paris and Washington," says The Gazette. "The Americans doubtless are aware that if we may not, in the end, find ourselves quite so isolated on this subject as it appears at present."

Would Convert Many.  
The Daily Chronicle believes that if Lord Lee's argument that submarines are valueless except for attacking merchant ships could be established, it would convert many to the abolition plan. Perhaps he overstated it, the newspaper adds, but it has many facts.

A Great Contribution.  
The Daily News thinks it entirely true that abolition of submarines would be a greater contribution to the cause of humanity than the limitation of capital ships and contemptuously refers to the "world's refusal to deprive itself of the blessed privilege of building submarines."

## POPULATION OF KINGSTON PRISON IS REDUCED

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 24.—Eighteen more prisoners were liberated from the Portmouth penitentiary Friday, making thirty in two days, and it is not unlikely there will be further releases before Christmas.

The population of the institution on Tuesday was 850 and the regular dormitory cells were all filled.

MEALS FOR NEEDY.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—A fund has been started by the directors of The Montreal Star to provide 50,000 meals for the unemployed men of this city and their families.

## EGYPTIAN MOB WAS DISPERSED

Five Killed in Suburb of Cairo

Trouble Started by Party of Students

Cairo, Dec. 24.—Disorders in connection with the Egyptian Nationalist agitation broke out to-day in Gizeh, a suburb of Cairo, when a party of students, raided the Government survey offices. British troops were rushed from Cairo to cope with the disturbance. The students were ultimately routed. The native losses were given in the early reports as five killed and twenty wounded.

While the disorders were proceeding in Gizeh, Cairo itself remained quiet, and no disturbances from the provinces were reported with the exception of minor troubles at Tanta, fifty miles northwest of Cairo.

The authorities conveyed to Suva to-day six followers of Said Zaki, yesterday, whom Field Marshal Allenby, the British High Commissioner in Egypt, had ordered expelled from Cairo.

## REPORT MENTIONS CANADIAN AVIATION

Figures Given by British Air Ministry

Work Is Being Done in Australia

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Reporting progress in civil aviation, the Air Ministry states that in the half of the year ended September 30 British aeroplanes flew 351,000 miles and carried 22,000 passengers.

The report also mentions that 43,000 outward letters. The air imports were £266,000 and exports £110,000.

The Treasury has agreed to provide £200,000 annually for the next two years to assist British firms in operating cross-channel services with British machines and engines.

Canada.  
As regards the Dominions, the report records the Canadian allocation for civil aviation and the amount of work done.

Australia allocated £100,000 for 1920-21 in aid of civil aviation, of which £54,000 is being expended to subsidize three routes. The contractors are required to reserve accommodation for 100 pounds of mail.

The report says that it is realized that war-time would possibly add to Australia's air force a considerable personnel as well as a quantity of material, hence under the Defence Act the permanent portion of the force will be increased and consist mainly of members of a citizen force.

The Australian Air Council has already approved a scheme whereby aircraft material and spare parts may be lent from the air force stocks to civil companies.

The report shows there has been a considerable expansion of air transport in France, Belgium and Holland.

## WORK SUSPENDED ON WARSHIPS

Japanese Shipyard Laborers Working on Cruisers

Tokio, Dec. 24.—All the shipyard laborers in Japan are assured continued employment for at least a year in completing the ten light cruisers and ten destroyers now building or projected. This assurance comes from Vice-Admiral Okada, Chief of the Department of Naval Equipment. As a result of the understanding reached during the ten-year naval holiday over the amount allowed under the present agreement.

Assuming that the Japanese Government will be allowed to proceed with the building of the auxiliary craft, Vice-Admiral Okada recommends such allocation of the workmen as to preserve the efficiency of all dockyards possible. This would be merely a precaution against any possible development which might necessitate additional construction during the ten-year naval holiday.

Little Tot's Plan.  
Here is one of the last plans received by the Rotarians to-day: "I am a little girl ten years old and mother says I am too big for toys. But if you would please send some coal to keep my daddy warm these cold days, as he is an invalid and has to sit in a chair all the time."

## VICTORIA TO HAVE A MILD CHRISTMAS

Bright, Warm Day in Store, Weather Men Predict

Reports from Points Throughout Canada

Weather from Coast to Coast Described

Victoria will have a mild, sunny Christmas.

This is the forecast made to-day by F. Napier Denison, Superintendent of the Canadian Meteorological Observatory. The temperature in the city and the surrounding districts, said Mr. Denison, is steadily rising, and stood at 32 at 9 o'clock this morning.

While the country further south along the coast is threatened with rain, the prospects for bright sunshine here to-morrow are excellent.

The cold snap has worn itself out on the Island. On the Mainland, however, the temperature is still low, although it is rising now. Milder weather, however, is in prospect everywhere along the coast. It should be the most cheerful Christmas Day for years.

The following weather reports from points throughout Canada gathered by the Canadian Press, will indicate to readers of The Times the nature of the weather the nine provinces will have for Christmas.

Halifax—Mild, overcast, slushy, no sleighing.  
Charlottetown—Mild, dry but cloudy.  
St. John—Snowing, good sleighing.

Fredericton—Overcast, milder, snow, but not good enough for sleighing.  
Quebec—Overcast, mild, good sleighing, skating, skiing and curling.

Three Rivers—Clear, mild, good sleighing, during and after.  
Montreal—Mild, overcast, prospect of more snow, sleighing good.

Ottawa—Mild with prospects of snow, more snow, sleighing good.  
Kingston—Snow, but ditty, sleighing bad, skating good.

Toronto—A white Christmas, sleighing in some districts, moderately cold.  
Hamilton—Cloudy, mild and light snow.

London—Mild and snowy.  
Sault Ste. Marie—Very cold, good sleighing.  
White River, Ont.—Fairly cold.

Port Arthur and Port William—Clear, cold, good sleighing.  
Winnipeg—Clear, cold, sleighing.  
Prince Albert—Clear, cold, sleighing.

Saskatoon—Clear, cold, some snow.  
Moose Jaw—Clear, cold, fair sleighing.  
Lethbridge—Clear, cold, sleighing.

Calgary—Clear, cold, light snow.  
Edmonton—Clear, cold, sleighing.  
Pentticon—Clear, cold, some snow.

Kamloops—Cold, clear, some snow.  
Vancouver—Mild, green Christmas.  
Prince Rupert—Mild, clear.

## IRRIGATION POLICY PROVES SUCCESS

First Payments Show Loans Justified

Worst of Difficulties Already Overcome

The Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, reported to-day that of approximately \$1,500,000 lent under the Conservation Fund, first payments of the return of the money, as provided by assessments in the various districts, were due on December 1. The total amount due was \$120,000, and of this amount \$118,000 has been paid in.

Speaking of the situation, the Minister said: "The irrigation situation has been an extremely difficult one to handle. Of the benefits of the policy adopted, there is not the slightest question. That there are some difficulties yet to be met is quite true, but they are not of anything like the magnitude of those that have been already overcome and it is very gratifying that our policy is working out so successfully."

## GEN. D. R. CAMERON DIED IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—The death of Major-General Donald R. Cameron is announced. He was well known in Canada, having been a Canadian, a daughter of the late Sir Charles Tupper. In 1871 he swam out in the Ottawa River and a Canadian, a daughter of the late Sir Charles Tupper. In 1871 he swam out in the Ottawa River and a Canadian, a daughter of the late Sir Charles Tupper.

He entered the army in 1856, and served in the Rhoetan Expedition in 1864-65, and was a member of the Rocky Mountain Boundary Commission in 1872-73.

NO ISSUE OF THIS PAPER NEXT MONDAY  
Monday next having been declared a general Christmas holiday throughout Canada, there will be no issue of The Times on that day.

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR 300TH LEAGUE MADE BY HAIG

London, Dec. 24.—Field-Marshal Earl Haig, who is devoting himself wholeheartedly to the cause of ex-service men, has issued a Christmas message to the men of all ranks who served under him in France, appealing to all to join the "Three-Hundredth Remembrance League."

A calendar accompanies the message with Sundays and holidays deleted, leaving 300 working days.

He asks that who enjoy the simple comforts of life to devote the equivalent of one day's service or one three-hundredth of their annual income to the new league, which aims at providing a definite annual income for ex-service men and their widows and children.

## CANADA AIDS SHACKLETON PARTY

Alberta Professor Perfected Motor Preparation

Engines Can Be Started in Cold Weather

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—When Sir Ernest Shackleton, the famous explorer, starts the engines of his motor sleds and boats with comparative ease in the deadly cold of the Antarctic region it will be because of the genius and persistency of Professor Robb, of the University of Alberta, and the members of the Canadian Air Board. Acting with the board officials, Professor Robb perfected an other preparation for the use of which permits the ready starting of motor engines at 37 degrees below zero. The formula for the preparation together with Christmas greetings and best wishes have been mailed to Sir Ernest Shackleton who is now on his way south to the Antarctic ice fields.

Climate Helped.  
Describing the discovery of the successful formula, Colonel E. W. Steadman, Technical Director of the Canadian Air Board, said that Canada was the only country supporting modern air force facilities where such an experiment could have been brought to a successful conclusion.

Longtime experts in other countries were hindered in developing ideas along this line by climatic conditions. When the necessity for starting engine planes engines in intense cold became apparent Air Board officials turned the problem over to Professor Robb, of the University of Alberta, who after two years of experiment has crowned his efforts with success.

Professor Robb's method and the exact formula have not been made public, but Colonel Steadman states that in order to insure the engine used in the experiments being sufficiently cold it was left outdoors all night.

Professor Robb's plan is to start the engines when the aeroplanes were compelled to land away from their bases in winter. Now, however, military as well as civil airmen engaged in exploration or other work for Government departments will be able to fly in winter without fear of the consequences through stalled engines.

Automobiles.  
The application of this preparation to ordinary motor engines, automobiles and trucks is considered only a matter of time and will be the means of overcoming one of the chief difficulties of winter motoring in the larger part of Canada.

With the advent of power to start engines at 37 degrees below zero, motorists who now have to spend a great deal of time warming their engines at the expense of their electric batteries, will not only enjoy far greater comfort but will be under a great deal less expense. The importance of the discovery to businessmen operating trucks on a large scale can hardly be estimated.

## JEWELER MURDERED IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 23.—New York's Christmas crime wave was resumed to-day with the slaying of Carl Moller, a Bronx jeweler, and serious wounding of his wife by a bandit, who visited their home ostensibly for the purpose of purchasing jewelry which Moller had on display there.

There should be no hungry household in Victoria this Christmas, stated Manager Dickson of P. Burns & Co. this morning, when speaking of the Christmas trade experienced this year. Families suffering from fortune through lack of employment of their breadwinners have been helped by the Friendly Help, and we have for the third year seen that roasts on the basis of 1½ pounds for each member of the family is delivered, and our Christmas gift to Victoria has this year already exceeded 1,500 pounds of beef.

All dealers in poultry, both at city

## Mackenzie King and Crerar Are Holding Cabinet Discussion

Progressive Leader, Who Reached Ottawa This Morning, Is In Consultation With Prime Minister-Elect; Announcement Expected Soon.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. T. A. Crerar, Progressive leader, arrived here this morning and now is in consultation with Hon. Mackenzie King. It is understood the conference will be continued this afternoon. In well-informed circles it is not considered likely that the new Ministry will be sworn in to-day, although the presence of Mr. Crerar, together with numerous Liberal members from the East, points to an early conclusion of the present situation.

Among the arrivals this morning was Jacques Bureau, Liberal M.P.-elect for Three Rivers.

## COAST-TO-COAST TELEPHONE LINE CANADIAN GOAL

Calgary, Dec. 24.—A long distance telephone service, a distance of approximately 1,000 miles, will be put into operation at an early date, according to an announcement made by the Manitoba Government Telephone Commissioner. This will be another step toward the completion of a continuous telephone service from coast-to-coast.

## TWENTY-THREE KILLED BY STORMS

Weather Tragedies in Lower Mississippi Region

Damage Includes \$200,000 in Arkansas

Monroe, La., Dec. 24.—Spencer, a hamlet on the Monroe and Little Rock Railway, sixteen miles from Monroe, in Union Parish, was wiped out by a storm to-day, seven persons being killed and twenty-five injured, according to reports received here.

A special train carrying doctors and nurses for the scene this afternoon.

Seven Killed.  
Monroe, La., Dec. 24.—One white woman and six negroes were reported killed and several persons injured in a storm that swept Morehouse Parish, near here, early to-day.

Nine Killed.  
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Nine men, one white man and eight negroes, killed—and more than a score injured and property damage estimated at \$200,000 to-day was the known result of a windstorm which late yesterday swept through a Gozen farm settlement in Crittenden County, Arkansas, across the Mississippi River from this city, and apparently spent its force in the village of Clarkdale, where a brick store building in which approximately fifty negro farmhands had taken refuge from the storm was wrecked. The effects of the storm were felt over an area twenty miles in width and fifteen miles in length.

## IMMIGRANTS IN U.S. GIVEN FREEDOM FOR CHRISTMAS

New York, Dec. 24.—The gates of Ellis Island being open to-day, freeing more than 4,000 aliens, detained under the immigration quota law, so that they might spend Christmas with friends and relatives in the land of promise. They will be at liberty for ninety days.

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## Christmas Turkey or Beef For Every Home

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## CHRISTMAS NOT ESKIMO SEASON

Small Bands Scattered Over Northern Lands

In Summer They Gather on Sea Coast

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—On the hunt for Christmas stories, a "Canadian Press" correspondent asked a scientist and gold official how the Eskimo spends the day.

"Of all the human family on the North American Continent," he replied, "the Eskimo is perhaps the only member who fails to find on Christmas Day an increase in the happiness and good cheer of life."

"It is in the summer," he continued, "that the Eskimos band together and make for the coast, where fish or seals are said to be plentiful. Here during the summer months they live socially side by side in little igloos or villages, co-operate with each other to increase their catch, recount to each other the simple incidents of the long winter and fortify themselves for the return to solitude."

Winter.  
"When the winter approaches they once again separate into families or groups of three or four and disappear in various directions to do a little hunting and the rest of the year is spent in a state of isolation."

While game found and killed occasionally keeps the mental number in good spirits, a larger number might find the quantity insufficient to live upon.

"Thus only when they chance to find themselves in the neighborhood of a trading station or religious mission do the joys of the white man's Christmas come to form part of their very unsophisticated life."

## BEST ACCOUNT SHRANK \$8,000,000

Statement Made by Merchants Bank President

Montreal, Dec. 24.—In a letter now being issued by Sir Montagu Allan, president of the Merchants Bank of Canada, calling a special general meeting of the bank, it is stated that the bank for February 3 next to consider the proposed agreement between the Merchants Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal, it is stated that the report of H. B. Mackenzie, general manager of the Royal Trust Company, called in to examine the affairs of the bank, showed that the "rest" account was impaired to the amount of about \$8,000,000, which means that it will have to be reduced by that amount from the amount of \$5,500,000, at which it normally stood.

Arrangement Sought.  
The decision, says Sir Montagu, was accordingly arrived at "that it would not be in the interest of the shareholders to review the interest of the Bank of Montreal to assume all the liabilities of the Merchants Bank for a price and consideration of a cash payment of \$1,000,000 together with a payment of a block of Bank of Montreal stock which would represent one share of that stock for every two shares of the Merchants Bank of Canada. The president says in this connection "that your directors have unanimously decided to recommend to the shareholders the acceptance of the Bank of Montreal's offer."



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## BALFOUR'S MESSAGE

TO PEOPLE OF U.S.

Christmas Thoughts Turn to International Friendship

Washington, Dec. 24.—Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation to the International Conference, issued the following Christmas message to the people of the United States last night:

"I welcome the opportunity which has been given me of sending Christmas greetings to my American friends, known and unknown. If this be the season which, above all others, suggests thoughts of peace on earth and goodwill toward men, surely there are no nations between whom that peace should be more secure and that goodwill more ardent than the two great peoples of English speech. Such has always been my faith; and never did it seem nearer complete realization than at a moment when, under American leadership, so much is being done toward diminishing arms and removing causes of international offence."

"A Christmas tide so spent should be the surest prelude to a happy New Year."

## REPORT ON EMPIRE WIRELESS CHAIN

London, Dec. 24.—In a letter to The Times, W. H. Eccles, vice-chairman of the commission headed by Lord Milne, which was appointed in December, 1920, to plan stations for the proposed Empire wireless chain, says the report of the commission has been presented to the Cabinet, and he understands that it will be published in a short time.

The average capital cost per station is estimated at approximately not more than £150,000, excluding staff quarters, which may have to be provided at some of the sites. Mr. Eccles emphasizes the press and propaganda possibilities of the wireless chain and concludes his letter by stating that the wireless press in the last eighteen months has tended to confirm the commission's conclusion that an Empire wireless chain can be made continuous and trustworthy at a reasonable cost. The continuity and trustworthiness of the service, he says, would have to be secured by the aid of intermediate relay stations. Only thus could it be hoped to escape the partial and erratic service which must accompany attempts at direct communication across the immense distances separating the chief centres of the Empire.

## DEPORTED FAMILY BACK TO CANADA

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Scottish family named Galloway which was deported some months ago after being held up by the immigration officials at Quebec will be returned to Canada at the expense of the Federal Government, according to a statement made here by Lieut.-Col. H. R. Lordy, acting secretary-treasurer of the British Immigration Aid Association, which contested the case from the outset. The family had sailed from Glasgow and had been passed as medical fit, though it was then known that the two boys were suffering from ringworm. When they reached Quebec the medical authorities ruled them out on this account. The father was allowed to remain, but the mother and two boys were deported. They will now be brought back to Canada.

## NEW WESTMINSTER SCHOOL SETTLEMENT

New Westminster, Dec. 24.—The dispute between the school teachers of this city and the School Board was settled at a conference yesterday afternoon. The teachers accepted, under pressure, one-half of the wage increase awarded to them by a recent board of arbitration. The teachers had handed in their resignations and announced their intention of leaving the schools in a body on December 31.

The \$5,000 required to defray the extra expense involved in the increases as accepted will be paid by the school trustees and the City Council this term.

The teachers reluctantly accepted the one-half basis, stating that they did so to prove they were anxious to prevent a tie-up in the schools.

The School Board claims it is unable to pay the increases as awarded by the arbitration board, which would involve an extra expenditure of \$12,000.

## UNUSUAL CASE IN PRINCE ALBERT

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 24.—When W. A. Taylor appeared in police court yesterday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences a correspondence was produced which indicated that he had been corresponding with a Vancouver man "with a view to matrimony." Under the name of May Parker he obtained \$225 from his victim to pay insurance policies and railway fare to Vancouver, where the wedding was to take place before Christmas. All the correspondence is in Taylor's handwriting and it calls for payment of the money to W. A. Taylor, from whom the fictitious Miss Parker is supposed previously to have borrowed it.

Taylor was remanded to permit of further investigation. He pleaded guilty.

## ZAGLOUL REMOVED FROM CAIRO

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 23.—Cairo bristled with police and troops to night and aeroplanes circled over the delta of the Nile, following disturbances in connection with the forcible removal of Said Zagloul Pasha, a Nationalist, by the authorities to Suez early to-day.

His removal came as a result of his refusal to obey an order issued by the military authorities that he and his chief followers cease all political activity and leave Cairo.

Although much wanton destruction occurred during the disturbances, the authorities claim that the incident is relatively unimportant, and that the situation need not be regarded with particular anxiety.

## What is Our Christmas Wish?

We Wish You All You Wish Yourselves

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## MOVE MADE FOR ECONOMY IN FRANCE

Struggle Between Senate and Chamber Probable

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Senate Finance Committee has taken the initiative in a move toward economy by cutting \$98,000,000 from the appropriations passed by the Chamber of Deputies for 1922. The Senate is likely to approve the finance committee's report, which would provide for a reduction of the upper and lower bodies of Parliament.

## BRITISH COAL MINE IMPROVEMENT

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Pit-head baths may shortly become an institution in British colliery districts. This is the expected result of many years of propaganda, agitation and education, and will probably come through the operation of an amendment to the Coal Mines Act, passed last year, by which it was provided that one shilling per ton on all coal raised should be paid into a welfare fund for colliery areas.

In the course of a year, the substantial sum of nearly £500,000 has been raised for this purpose, and its disposal is now being discussed by joint committees consisting of representatives of the coal owners and the Miners' Federation. The most active propagandists, the organized working women of the coal fields, are demanding that this money be used in the erection of baths at the pit-heads. The matter was brought forward at a meeting in London of the Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations, affiliated with which are, among other organizations, the Labor Party, the Women's Trade Union League, the Women's Co-operative Guild, and nearly all the great trade unions.

The recent provision in the Coal Mines Act for the shilling per ton fund was the recommendation of the Coal Commission which sat in 1919. During its sitting great stress was laid on the undesirable conditions in the mining districts.

## WEST CALGARY ELECTION FIGURES

Calgary, Dec. 24.—Captain Joseph J. T. Shaw, Independent Progressive, has been declared elected to the House of Commons over Hon. R. B. Bennett, Minister of Justice, by Judge Winter of the District Court, on a recount of the ballots, by a majority of sixteen. His net gain on the recount was twenty-two, which outnumbered Mr. Bennett's official majority before the recount of six, putting Mr. Shaw sixteen in the lead.

## BRITANNIA CHARGES WERE DISMISSED

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The charges of criminal negligence against C. P. Browning and M. J. Donohue, officials of the Britannia Mining & Smelting Company, in connection with the flood at Britannia Beach on October 28, in which thirty-six lives were lost, were dismissed late yesterday afternoon by Magistrate R. H. H. Alexander at the preliminary hearing here.

## CONSTABLE ACQUITTED

Estevan, Sask., Dec. 24.—Constable Martin A. Corley, R. C. M. P., was acquitted by Judge Wylie in the district court here yesterday on a charge of shooting and causing bodily harm to Emory F. Lingle, of Grand Forks, N. D., September 29, at Gainsborough, Saskatchewan.

## SWITZERLAND AND SOVIET

Berne, Dec. 24.—Just prior to adjournment yesterday, Parliament postponed action until the summer session on the motion of the two Communist members that Switzerland recognize the Soviet Government of Russia.

## LEVEL OF LAKE TO BE REGULATED

Ottawa Ruling Regarding Lake of Woods

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Regulations providing for control of the waters of the Lake of the Woods and the maintenance of certain levels have been approved by the Governor-General-in-Council. They provide that all dam structures and other works which have been or may be constructed on any outlet of the Lake of the Woods or the Winnipeg River at or above its junction with the English River, shall be constructed, maintained, operated and repaired in such a manner as to secure at all times the most dependable flow and the most advantageous use of the waters of the Winnipeg River.

## OTTAWA STARTS MILK CAMPAIGN

Department of Agriculture Gives Food Advice

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A campaign with a view to spreading information about milk values has been organized by the Department of Agriculture. J. A. Ruddick, Dairy Commissioner, states that studies during recent years in the subject of human nutrition have emphasized the high values of dairy produce. The campaign will tend to demonstrate that undernourished and improperly fed children are greatly benefited both mentally and physically by a liberal consumption of milk.

## CHRISTMAS TREES WERE LIQUOR TREES

New York, Dec. 24.—Christmas tree dealers surprised yesterday day to find bottles of liquor nestling in the branches of firs shipped from a point near the Canadian border. This discovery, the retailers said, might explain why wholesalers showed reluctance to distribute the trees when they arrived Thursday night, and doled them out only after loud clamors by the dealers.

## MINING COMPANY

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Notice of the incorporation of the Slave Lake and Mackenzie River Mining Company, Limited, with a capital of \$100,000 and headquarters in Winnipeg, is given in this week's Canada Gazette.

## BANK MERGER IN AUSTRALIA

National Bank Absorbs Bank of Queensland

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press Cable)—A Reuter cable from Melbourne says it is announced that National Bank of Australia has purchased the business of the Bank of Queensland for £520,000. The 1917 statement of the Bank of Queensland gave the bank's capitalization as £450,000, paid up. The 1919-1920 dividend was six per cent. The bank has forty-five branches and agencies.

The National Bank has a capitalization of \$5,000,000, fully paid up, a reserve fund of £1,200,000 and deposits of £24,000,000. Last year's dividend was 5 per cent.

## NEW ECONOMIC POLICY PLANNED BY SOVIET NOW

Washington, Dec. 24.—Abandonment of Socialism in Russia is predicted by recent changes in the economic policy of the Soviet Government, according to a review of this situation in that country on the basis of statements in the Soviet-controlled press issued here by the Commerce Department.

A new economic policy, the Department said, is being evolved by the Bolshevik leader, lightening the restrictions of Communism and aiming at the partial re-establishment of private trade and industry and at increasing the incentive to production. Communistic management of industry in Russia, it added, had resulted in a great decline of production and a general disorganization of economic life. Lenin, in a speech in October, recognized the defeat of Communism, according to the Department, and was quoted as saying:

"The situation of our new economic policy is dictated by recognition of the fact that we have suffered a powerful defeat and commenced a systematic strategic retreat."

The main features of this new policy, the Department reported, include partial restoration of freedom of trade in agricultural products; abandonment of the practice of unrestricted requisition of labor and substitution of a fixed labor tax; abandonment of uniform wages for employees of the same grade in enterprises operated by the state and substitution of compensation according to the service rendered; leasing to private individuals of certain industrial establishments hitherto controlled by the state, and enterprises still operated by the state to adopt commercial principles, paying private producers and other state enterprises market values for materials and selling their products at market value.

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ton From all Parts of World

Washington, Dec. 22.—Public opinion is one of the chief factors upon which the American delegation at the Arms Limitation Conference is counting for the success of that international gathering. Secretary Hughes knows that the country is behind him in his plan to cut down the world's armed forces on sea and land, and to hold the national confidence the Secretary is giving all possible publicity to the happenings at the Conference.

In the press, not only of America, but of the world, Mr. Hughes sees a helpful intermediary between nations burdened with armament taxation and their delegates here devise a means of loosening these fetters. There are no secrets in Continental Hall where the open Conference is held and the correspondents hear the different propositions set forth by the delegates at the large green table at the same time as the delegates themselves. The minute-to-minute news breaks equally for everybody and the 250 newspaper writers who are within a few feet of its very source size it up and flash it back without censorship or delay to their journalistic constituents all over the globe.

Washington has become more than ever the world's news centre, not for one big day or week, as in the case of athletic or political events, but for what presages to be months. The most skilled newspaper men have crossed the seas with the foreign delegates. They have by no means an unimportant part to play in this Conference. On them and their manner of "covering" this historic event rests the sympathy and understanding of nations.

## Million Words of News

On the opening day of the Conference more than a million words of news matter went click-clicking out over the telegraph and cable wires for all the world to read on Sunday morning. Newspaper offices had the full context of the Hughes naval scrapping plan within a few minutes of its delivery upon the floor of the Conference. The Western Union carried 326,400 words of special correspondence on that day to papers within this country. The press associations scattered an almost equal amount broadcast among their members. Private wires hummed with dispatches from Washington. The whole world was reading, with not a detail omitted, and a few hundred men in Washington were writing.

Like all big things the actual reporting of the conference has been reduced to the simplest terms. Surrounding the delegates' table under the clock on two sides are the press seats, two banks of four rows each, separated from the floor by a bright brass rail. Here the cable wires sit and listen and write, the morning papers on one side, the afternoon papers on the other. Messenger boys move with soft tread up and down the aisles, gathering in copy, which is carried by a motorcycle courier waiting outside the hall to the Navy Building. There the dispatches are divided among an army of telegraph operators according to the district of the country to which they are destined.

In the basement of Continental Hall is a room into which run a dozen special wires for the use of the major press associations. "Running" the cables as soon after the session closes as possible. So far they agree that the service has been good and that their copy is not garbled in sending. The great liberal daily of Japan, as opposed to the militaristic



stories are written by the reporters in the press section and delivered by messengers in the basement for immediate transmission. A running story, for the benefit of those who may not understand the term, is a newspaper article written by a reporter while an event is in progress, keeping pace with the event itself and sent sheet by sheet to a telegraph wire which is held constantly available for the purpose. It is just as imperative to keep these wires clear of outside traffic as it is to keep a freight yard clear for the passage of limited-express trains.

## Open to the Press

Unlike the Paris Peace Conference, where the reporters were forced to stand at a distance and see and hear as best they might, the Arms Conference has about it an air of open frankness. Every move of the delegates is watched and noted—their attention or inattention, their mannerisms, how Beatty looked vexed here and how Briand and Balfour smile there. Under the flood of light from the skylight it is all as visible as a theatrical performance—a first night, with the audience packing the galleries and the critics in the stalls. At the Navy Building, where the delegations and the press have their headquarters, every mode of communication from world-wide wireless to the mail is available for the correspondents. One wing contains the telegraph and cable offices, where open wires to every corner of the earth are held in readiness for dispatches brought down by courier from the writers at the session. The methodical arrangement here for handling press matter is most creditable. Without word limitation or congestion, the messages are kept moving by the vibrating fingers of skilled operators on the little black keys.

Connections have been so made that wireless dispatches can be sent from the Navy Building via the gigantic radio station at Rocky Point, L. I., to Europe, without relay or delay. The cables are also of much service to the Japanese correspondents who send their reports of the session by way of San Francisco. About 2,500 words were flashed out by this wireless organization to Japan within a few hours following the Hughes plan at the opening of the Conference. British writers declare that they can file their copy as late as 3 o'clock in the afternoon and travelling by wireless, it reaches London in time for publication in the morning papers of the next day.

Cosmopolitan Gathering  
The atmosphere in the press workroom where all the correspondents usually congregate to fashion their reports is truly cosmopolitan. From this one large well-lighted room filled with desks and typewriters all the world may be reached on a minute's notice. All languages are spoken here. There is a Japanese writer and a correspondent from India—and they are conversing in French. A Chinese newspaper man and a French scribe joke and chat in English. All of them seem bilingual and able to find some common language for discourse. The room is grey with tobacco smoke and filled with earnest words. One group gathers to theorize on China's position at the Conference, another presses about a desk to hear what a Briton has to say about the navy of his country. The click of a battery of typewriters and the mad jangle of impatient telephone bells fills the room with cacophony.

James D. Preston, usually in charge of the Senate Press Gallery, has been transferred to this office. In a sort of distracted frenzy he is doing everything at once—pacifying foreign writers who failed to get seats at the Conference, answering impossible questions, supplying stationery to this or that writer, giving out formal statements from the delegates and making himself generally accommodating to 300 demanding correspondents. His favors are manifold and not quickly forgotten. Besides the actual sessions of the Conference, the correspondents must keep in touch with the different delegations which also have offices in the Navy Building. The way to the offices bristles with marine guards and bright bayonets. Only a formal pass will gain you access to the harem of these dignitaries. One grizzled old newspaper man said he had been a war correspondent during the Russo-Japanese war and had gone in and out of the lines frequently and never even there met with as much official opposition as in the Navy Building.

## Foreign Service Good

The usual foreign correspondence consists of a condensed report of the day's affairs at the session. The French reporters carried about 1,500 words on the opening of the Conference, which was expanded in the office into about double that amount. Few of them have a definite time for filing these messages, but put them on the cables as soon after the session closes as possible. So far they agree that the service has been good and that their copy is not garbled in sending. The great liberal daily of Japan, as opposed to the militaristic

group. It has a circulation of more than a million copies in all parts of the Japanese dominion.  
The Japanese papers have given their correspondents carte blanche on expenses. "Get all the news and never mind how much it costs," are their orders. When the Conference opened and Secretary Hughes made his first sweeping proposal to junk half the navy of Japan the writers for the Asahi let themselves go. They wrote an equivalent of 2,000 words and filed part of it by cable and the rest by wireless, in order to expedite its transmission. Not satisfied with this, they sent it at "extra urgent" rates which pay a toll of \$3.24 a word to travel the 8,000 miles to Japan. This was sent at noon, the busiest hour of the day for the western cable companies. When accounts were balanced and prices figured out, the Japanese scribes found that their one message on that day had cost their paper a little more than \$1,200.  
"But it is worth it," they say. "Japan wants the news quick and we—here a little shrug and laugh—must give it to them."

Japanese Reporters Trained Men.  
To appreciate the enterprising character of the Japanese newspaper men one has only to recall that at the Portsmouth, N. H., Conference in 1905, which ended the Japanese-Russian war, there were only two correspondents from Nippon and they did not have full authority to use the cables for their dispatches. Most of the news concerning the peace meeting sixteen years ago reached Japan in cryptic mail stories. To-day the Asahi of Tokyo and Osaka has its special correspondents in New York, London, Paris, San Francisco and Berlin.

The Japanese reporters are all trained men who have carefully studied the problems to be dealt with in this Conference before coming to this country. They speak English fluently. They know the Far Eastern question from end to end and they are in a position to give their readers in Japan good first-hand information about the arms parley. They are much surprised to find American officials such democratic men. That the President of the United States submits himself to the questions of newspaper men seems most peculiar to these foreign writers, who come from a land where the ruling class is hedged about with guards and secretaries and cannot possibly be seen by the most devoted reporter. These frank features of the American Government have served as material for many local color stories sent back to Japan.

The only country that feels it is not getting a square deal on the matter of press dispatches is China. For the Chinese correspondents to reach their papers it is necessary for their cable communications to pass through territory under Japanese rule. Of course, the Japanese dispatches are given the right of way. The news out of this country and the Chinese are forced to wait.

But China is deeply interested in what happens at the Conference as is evidenced by this curt query from a Chinese managing editor to his representative at the parley:  
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New York, Dec. 24.—That this continent is threatened with a future when it will be unable to feed its population, but will be faced by famine conditions similar to those prevailing in the Orient, unless adequate steps are taken to restore the fertility of the soil, is the warning which was conveyed by C. H. McDowell in his recent address to the Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society.

Mr. McDowell contrasted the fertilizer situation in this country with that in Germany, referring to the explosion of the huge chemical works at Oppau, where the Germans made fertilizers through the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen. Fifteen times as large as Germany, the United States, he pointed out, produces only the same amount of barley and not quite twice as much oats. Germany produces six times as many potatoes and twelve times as much rice as we do. Germany, when the war broke out, had 5,000,000 farms, averaging 15 acres, to our 6,340,000 farms, averaging 138 acres.

Forty per cent more wheat, rye, barley, oats and potatoes were produced by these German farms than by our farms. And within the last thirty years Germany has raised her per capita yield from 15 to 29 bushels, while the United States increase is only from 14 to 16. With only one-fifth of the land area, Germany shows an agricultural efficiency about six times that of the United States.

Says We Are Wasteful People.  
Mr. McDowell says: "We of the United States have been a wasteful people. We have had too much land and have moved from State to State in search of more fertile spots and neglected to maintain the producing power of our conquered area."

"Large populations and low crop yields do not go together. In this country our population is rapidly growing, and we must more fully utilize nature's stores in our future development. Our population is increasing and our lands at the same time are being depleted. Our ditches are all lined with the fertility of our farms that they were dug to drain. From our rivers we lose annually 500,000,000 tons of fertility, thereby diminishing productivity at a rapid rate. Our sewer pipes are taking from our farms 25,000,000 tons of fertility annually. The crops that are taken from the field, and never get back in any form, take 30,000,000 more tons of fertility from our lands each year."

The population of the United States will be more than doubled by the year 2000, according to Mr. McDowell, who cites the calculations of Edward M. East of Harvard, who he also quotes as placing the ultimate population limit of this country at 175,000,000, according to our present methods of agriculture and rates of food and clothing consumption.

The engineer and the chemist must co-operate, says Mr. McDowell, the engineer to prevent the erosion of the

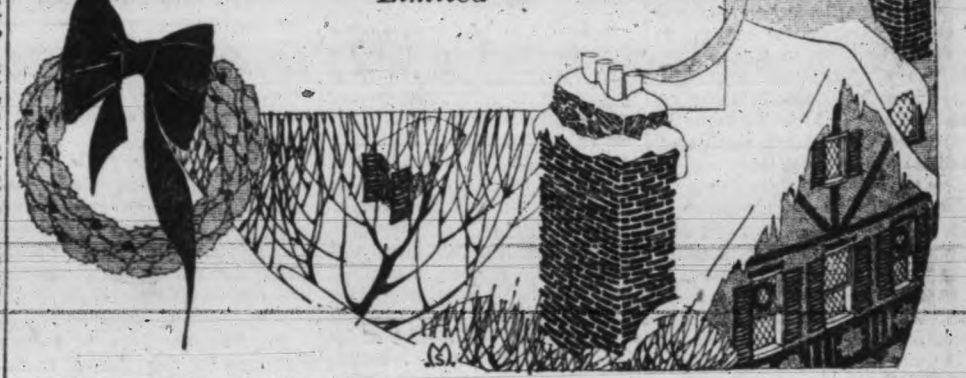
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## CHRISTMAS, 1921.

Christmas, 1921, finds the clouds of general economic reaction and, in some places, of revolt, bloodshed, starvation and incalculable misery still lowering over the earth. In this condition, however, there is no phenomenon. It is the inevitable result of the most gigantic convulsion in human knowledge, a war which destroyed and maimed many millions of the world's best manhood, not only wiped out its accumulated wealth but materially mortgaged its future, overthrew ancient empires, obliterated century-old national boundaries, and literally left vast numbers of people naked in a wilderness of ruin and desolation. We are but three years removed from the official end of that awful catastrophe, and the wonder of it is not that conditions should have been so discouraging, but that they have not been much worse than they are. The scars of the conflict will mark some parts of the globe, particularly in continental Europe, to the end of time; in others, notably the American continent, which suffered less in many respects and which contains so much of the natural wealth essential to recovery, there will be a relatively early convalescence. But in general the character of its re-establishment must depend upon the measure in which the world has profited from the lessons it has learned with blood and tears in the last decade, the completeness with which it clears away the ruins and debris left by the war, and the courage and resolution with which it turns its back upon the medievalism which led it, blinded, over the precipice, and sets forth upon an altogether new course in the direction of the City Beautiful. There are abundant signs that this beneficent new pilgrimage is about to begin; the silver lining is revealing itself through the clouds in all its ethereal purity. The Washington Conference, viewed in some quarters with cynicism, and widely with scepticism born of bitter experience and disillusionment, has accomplished more than the most ardent optimist dared to dream of. The real significance of its achievements lies not so much in the disarmament of the material things agreed upon or within the four corners of any written understanding decided upon, as in the measure of mental disarmament, the subjugation of the war mind by the peace mind, the new vision of a better world, they so clearly express. Another sign of good portent is the progress which has been made in the settlement of the Irish question, which exercised a troublesome influence in many quarters beyond the British Isles. These developments, all designed to insure amity among people, before long will react upon every branch of human endeavor. We shall find the strongest and wealthiest nations joining hands in helping the weakest, in the realization that the world is now so small that there can be no permanent prosperity for any part of it if any other considerable area of it is demoralized; that the key to world prosperity lies in the early reconstruction of continental Europe. Hence, although the sky may be dark and threatening, there are many signs to indicate that it is the darkness which precedes the dawn, and that this Christmas we are nearer than ever before to the commencement of an era of "peace on earth and good-will to men," and all the blessings it brings.

## WHAT CLARE SAYS.

Although he may ignore other signs of coming defeat in the Dail Eireann the attitude taken by his own constituency can scarcely have been lost on de Valera. By a vote of seventeen to five the Clare County Council went on record yesterday in favor of ratifying the Anglo-Irish Treaty. It is significant to observe also that a request was forwarded to the Sinn Fein leader to use his influence for the maintenance of national unity. If this is the sort of instruction that has gone from his own constituency he will scarcely expect other than the cold shoulder in the event of the Treaty being submitted to the people.

## THIS STRANGE WORLD.

While an agreement in principle upon the capital ship ratio as far as it affects the five great powers really disposed of the fundamental stage of the business of the Washington conference it must now be acknowledged that the submarine issue has injected a startlingly knotty problem.

As matters stand it simply means that if the United States proposal in relation to underwater craft shall be accepted it would be necessary to commence a building programme and produce a large number of submarines. Great Britain would have to build many more and France is demanding that she shall be permitted to increase her submarine tonnage to ninety-five thousand. These are facts that cannot be ignored. They are facts produced at a conference which actually met to consider how far the naval armaments of the world might be reduced to more or less harmless proportions. Yet after six weeks deliberation only one power finds itself ready to abolish an engine of destruction whose chief accomplishment in the recent conflict was the sinking of undefended merchantmen and hospital ships.

This somewhat new development only goes to show that it will take some time before the world will reach the state of mind wherein it will take short cuts to a condition that is being demanded by its people as a whole. What a glorious opportunity this conference really offers to humanity! Why should it take years to prepare the nations for a permanent peace and all the blessings that would follow in its wake when half the world finds it comparatively simple to get into its fighting clothes overnight? Twenty-four hours to consider the dissipation of wealth and human life that beggars description and almost years of conference to apply the simple teachings of the season that is now upon us!

## DRAMATIC CRITICISM.

Newspaper circles in Great Britain have been somewhat stirred during the last few weeks by the growing attitude of resentment which some members of the theatrical profession are

would be brought about to an extent that could easily be possible and not dangerous to the peace of the world. Here is one from Montreal to-day: "Conspicuous on the streets of this city to-day were the figures of scores of unemployed, penniless ex-service men, who laden with small tin boxes and packages of green tags are timidly soliciting aid for themselves and for their starving companions. The tags they are selling to-day are inscribed with the words: 'Help keep the man who fought for you from starvation.'"

## PROPHETIC!

Three or four weeks ago The London Daily Mail politely but forcibly informed Mr. H. G. Wells that it would not use any more of his dispatches from the Washington conference because of the attitude he had adopted towards the intentions of France. To put it briefly Mr. Wells, with his capacity for digging down below the surface of passing and coming events, informed the world in general that France had not gone to Washington to disarm but to increase her strength. Not even the most sceptical at that stage were prepared to accept the statement at its face value. Will anybody say that Mr. Wells was far wrong after reflecting upon the ten-ships programme and the later demand for ninety-five thousand tons of submarines?

## NOTE AND COMMENT

Two hundred people are dying every day in the Russian famine areas. And yet Trotsky seems to be spoiling to use his "red" legions.

Some students at West Virginia University have partaken of rattlesnake meat and describe it as just like chicken. Our preference for the feathered variety will remain in spite of it.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the United States Navy, is of the opinion that real disarmament includes destroying the submarine "root and branch." He has lots of company in his opinion.

The Times is in a position to state that there is absolutely no truth in the report of the impending resignation of the Minister of Finance. Mr. Hart will continue to administer his important department with his accustomed efficiency.

## LETTERS

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter the chance of its appearing. All communications must bear the name and address of the writer, but not for publication. The publication of letters is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. Responsibility is assumed by the paper for letters submitted to the Editor.

## WARD II. ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor:—I appreciate the fact that it is difficult to give verbal reports of the Ward meetings, but unfortunately your report does me an injustice somewhat. At the request of Councillor Ormond I gave a resume of the conditions put forward by the Council for unemployed relief, and in referring to a motion that was defeated Councillor Simpson expressed the opinion that I was mistaken, and I was consequently "under the hammer" for a few moments. Referring to this motion and to support my statement, it is of interest to note that at the Council meeting last night the defeated motion was again brought forward but the price for relief was increased from \$2 per yard to \$2.50 per yard. This motion carried unanimously.

## THE CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor:—What is the matter with the Church of England Cathedral that is so dear to many of us, that we should think of spending about a million dollars in order that a few people may have a more ornate building to worship in—for the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands—at a time when money is so greatly needed for poorer parishes, for giving clergy and missionaries a living wage, and for carrying out our Master's parting orders, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Until that is done, shall we dare to spend money badly needed for many necessary objects around us? It is true that the building of a new Cathedral would give a certain amount of employment, but only a trifling amount compared to the cost of the building, and to the other more necessary uses the money might be put to in God's service. Another building wanted, when the English church in James Bay, a little over half a mile away, is closed. When the simple Gospel, which men and women crave for, instead of phylacteries, courses upon many subjects, and lead their congregations to worship the Father in spirit and truth, then we may require larger buildings.

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Victoria, Dec. 23, 1921.

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## ROTARIANS WORK ALL NIGHT; TOT ASKS COAL FOR HER INVALID DADDY

(Continued from page 1.)

This little girl's daddy will not be cold any longer if the Rotary Fund reaches the \$10,000 mark. And the Rotarians will see whether the little girl herself needs clothes and food. If she does the Rotary Santa Claus will make her Christmas a little happier along with several hundred other children who, without the work of the Rotary Club would pass tomorrow without sufficient food and clothing, and in cold, cheerless homes. Rush orders of goods are being sent out this afternoon to people about whom the Rotarians have heard to-day. The relief already provided will pretty nearly exhaust the Christmas Fund and there is still a big list of needy cases on file at the Rotary offices. To-morrow most Victoria families will celebrate with turkey dinners and Christmas trees. But there will be hundreds of homes in which there will be no tree, no food and fire not large enough to heat one room. There will be many homes in which the kiddies who have prayed for Santa Claus to come will be disappointed. They will look in vain for toys and things in their stockings to-morrow morning for Santa Claus hasn't had enough to go around. This is the kind of the Rotary Fund reaches its objective to-night.

Subscriptions to the fund received yesterday afternoon and to-day were:

Previously acknowledged: \$7,568.61  
G. E. Goodall 10.00  
A. E. Crocker 10.00  
Friend 3.00  
M. L. M. 5.00  
Belated Subscriber 1.00  
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Victoria District Teachers' Association 50.00  
Edith Macdonald 7.50  
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L. Petros 1.00  
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Thos. C. Smart 2.00  
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## SOVIET GOLD TO BUY SEED IN UNITED STATES

London, Dec. 24.—As a result of negotiations here between representatives of the American Relief Administration and Leonid Krassin, Russian Soviet trade representative, the Soviet Government has agreed to turn over to the relief organization \$10,000,000 in gold to be used by the administration for the purchase of foodstuffs and seed in the United States for relief in the Volga famine area.

## FORMER SOLDIERS SELLING TAGS ON MONTREAL STREETS

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Conspicuous on the streets of this city to-day were the figures of scores of unemployed, penniless ex-service men who, bearing small tin boxes and packages of green tags, are timidly soliciting aid for themselves and for their starving companions. The tags they are selling are inscribed with the words: "Help keep the man who fought for you from starvation."

## PLAN ACCEPTED.

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Acting on the advice of the Indian Government, says a Reuter cable from Nairobi, India, the Indians there have decided to accept temporarily the political representation recently offered them by the Governor, namely, four seats in the Legislature and one on the executive.

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5-crown, 55c value; per package	46c	Libby's Queen Olives, 45c bottles	41c
7-crown, 70c value; per package	55c	Club House Pimento Stuffed Olives, 40c bottles for	34c
New Mixed Nuts, per pound	25c	Port Wine, per bottle	50c
New Brazil Nuts, per pound	27c	Regal Salt, per carton	13c
Pine Nuts, per pound	17c	Northwest Fancy Mixed Biscuits, 2-pound box for	65c
New Season's Walnuts, per pound	17c	Spencer's Christmas Puddings, made in our modern electric bakery from the finest ingredients. Each, 50c, 90c and	\$1.70
Italian Chestnuts, per pound	35c	Spencer's Christmas Iced Fruit Cakes, each	\$1.05, \$1.85, \$2.10 and
Almond Nuts, per pound	28c		\$2.90
Roasted Peanuts, per pound	12 1/2c	Cowan's Sweet Chocolate, 5c cakes	4c
Pean Nuts, per pound	33c	Fruit Wines, orange, strawberry, blackberry, black currant and ginger. Per bottle	4c
Heinz Catsup, per bottle	36c	Spencer's Delicious Jellies, package	9c
Eastern Corn, per tin	14c	Old English Ginger Wine, 25c bottles	18c
Spencer's Recleaned Currants, package	15c	75c bottles	65c
Kelly's Mince-meat, quart jars	52c	Popping-Corn, per pound	2c
Jones' Apple Juice, large jars	\$1.30	Cocoanut, per pound	20c
Apple Cider, per bottle	23c	Tea Garden Cranberry Sauce, jar	40c
Pouffe & Neale's Old Country Fish Pastes, lobster, haddock, anchovy, crab, cream of prawns, salmon and anchovy. Per jar	31c	Tea Garden Mint Jelly, per jar	27c
Soft Shell Almonds, per pound	39c	Preserved Ginger, per pound	25c
Five Roses Flour, 49-pound sack	\$2.05	Crisco, per tin	35c
Grogan's Ripe Olives, 35c tins	29c	Fard Dates, per pound	35c

## Provision Counter Bulletin—Phone 3268

CASH AND CARRY		CASH AND CARRY	
Spencer's Prime Butter, at 44c lb. or 3 lbs. for	\$1.29	B. C. Fresh Eggs at, doz.	65c
No. 1 Alberta Butter, at 42c lb. or 3 lbs. for	\$1.23	B. C. Storage Eggs at, doz.	45c
Springfield Brand Butter at, lb.	41c	Headcheese in bulk, at, lb.	17c
"Nucola" at, pkt.	35c	Headcheese in bowls at, each	18c
Pure Lard at, lb.	17c	Boiled Ham at, lb.	55c
Swift's Oleomargarine at, lb.	35c	Roast Pork at, lb.	60c
Spencer's Special Ayrshire Shoulder at, lb.	40c	Blood Rings at, lb.	24c
Spencer's Special Ayrshire Shoulder at, lb.	40c	Ham Bologna at, lb.	25c
Side Bacon, sliced, at 33c lb. Half or whole at, lb.	30c	Mince-meat at, lb.	30c
Sweet Pickled Side Bacon, sliced, at 30c lb. By the piece, at, lb.	25c	Wixey's Mince-meat at, lb.	35c
Unsmoked Picnic Hams at, lb.	20c	Meat Loaf at, lb.	35c
Choice Smoked Picnic Hams at, lb.	20c	Wieners at, lb.	30c
Unsmoked Cottage Rolls, half or whole, at, per lb.	23c	Jellied Ox Tongue at, lb.	65c
Smoked Cottage Rolls, half or whole, at, lb.	26c	Cooked Corned Beef at, lb.	30c
Dry Salt Back Bacon at, lb.	26c	Cooked Corned Mutton at, lb.	30c
Swift's Premium Hams, half or whole, at, per lb.	43c	Rabbit, in 2 lb. tins, at, each	45c
Barn's Mild Cured Hams, half or whole, at, per lb.	35c	English Park Pies, at, each	70c
Unsmoked Hams, half or whole, at, lb.	32c	and	\$1.35
Pas-Meat Back Bacon, sliced, at, lb.	42c	Mild Ontario Cheese at, lb.	28c
Armour's Side Bacon, sliced, at 50c lb. By the piece, at, lb.	45c	Real Old Gorgonzola Cheese at, lb.	\$1.00
Swift's Premium Side Bacon, sliced, at 58c lb. By the piece, lb.	55c	Imported French Roquefort Cheese at, lb.	\$1.10

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No. 1 Steer Beef	Grain Fed Pork
Prime Ribs of Beef at, a pound	Legs, 5 to 6 pounds; at, a pound
17c	32c
Rolls Prime Ribs at, a pound	Loins, 3 to 6 pounds; at, a pound
24c	35c
Sirloin Tips at, a pound, 15c and	Shoulders, 6 to 7 pounds; at, a pound
22c	16c
Rumps at, a pound	Butts, very meaty; at, a pound
10c	27c
Oven Roasts at, a pound	
7c	
Pot Roasts at, a pound	
10c	
Plate Beef at, a pound	
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Dromedary Dates, package	28c	Blanched Almonds, per pound	\$1.10
Choice Package Dates, each	15c	French Angelica, per ounce	10c
Sweet Apple Cider, large bottles	28c	New Season's Mixed Nuts, per pound	25c
Old English Ginger Wine, per bottle	75c	No. 1 Jap Oranges, per box	75c
Fruit Wines, per bottle	45c	Spencer's Royal Roast Coffee, per pound	60c
Christie's Royal Assorted Biscuits, 5-pound tin for	\$1.65	Bread Flour, all brands; 49-pound sack	\$2.10
Cherries, red or green; per bottle	25c	Californian Table Raisins, per package	34c
Sun-Maid Seeded Raisins, package	23c	Libby's Salad Dressing, per bottle	33c
Brazil Nuts, per pound	30c	Spanish Table Raisins, package	45c
Cake Icings, per package	12c	Demerara Sugar, 7 pounds	25c
Freshly Roasted Peanuts, per pound	15c	Spencer's Christmas Pudding, each, 50c, 90c and	\$1.70
Preserved Ginger, per pound	35c		



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Sincerely Wishing You  
A Merry, Merry Christmas

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Ye Christmas Bells,  
The joyous, welcome, glad refrain,  
That first the watching shepherds heard  
When Christ was born in Bethlehem,

"Peace, Peace on Earth  
Good will to men"

Ring out! Ring out;  
Those Joyous Notes,  
Through every Christian land on Earth,  
This message of two thousand years,  
The Benediction of the "Birth"—  
"Peace on Earth, good will to men."







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Lytway, the butcher, had been busy for a few moments with a well-worn dictionary. Suddenly he closed it with a snap and glowered at his wife. "That Mrs. Smarte is getting too clever," he growled. "What's the matter?" asked the good lady, surprised at this criticism of a good customer. "When she came in just now she told me I ought to rename my scales the Ambush brand."

"Well, why—?"

"I've just looked up the word," went on the infuriated man, "and the dictionary says that ambush means 'to lie in wait!'—"

—Tit-Bits.



## IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN

Miss Eberle is the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hermann Robertson.

Mr. Wm. Carlin, of Fort Steele, spent a few days in Victoria during the week.

Miss Lillian Manifold, R.N., has left to spend Christmas at her home in Nanaimo.

Mr. Michael Carlin has returned from the interior to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Miss Kathleen Rose has gone over to Seattle to spend Christmas as the guest of Miss Mary Cecilia de Veuve.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Butchart are leaving Victoria for the Orient, sailing from here on the Empress of Russia on January 5.

Miss Edith Aylmer, of New Denver, and Miss Gertrude Smith, of Vancouver, are the house guests of Miss Muriel Aylard for the Christmas holidays.

Captain and Mrs. J. W. Troup are sailing for the Orient on January 6 on the "Russia" and will be absent about two or three months, visiting all places of interest.

Miss Marguerite Frechette, of Ottawa, who has been visiting in Victoria, has left for Vancouver, where she will be the house guest of Mrs. Frances E. Harrison for the Christmas season.

The Empress Hotel has arranged for a special table d'hôte dinner for Sunday evening. An attractive and appropriate musical programme has been arranged and the orchestra will be assisted during the evening by Mrs. Jesse Longfield, contralto.

The marriage of Miss Violet Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, of 1244 Davis Street, to Mr. Joseph Carlyle Housie, will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, December 27, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carter arrived from Seattle yesterday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. Carter, Southgate Street. Mr.

The following are registered at the Strathcona: Thos. Parsell, Mr. and Mrs. Sheriff, Mr. and Mrs. Armistead, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rosevear, H. B. McIntyre, Vancouver, L. Col. H. N. Roome, L. Col. and Mrs. B. A. Rice, L. Whyte and brother, E. T. Baskley, Duncan, Mrs. Sheppard, Nanaimo, W. M. Ballew, Anglia.

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The following are staying at the Dominion Hotel: Hugh Mackenzie, of Prince Rupert; J. C. Carruthers, of Nelson; C. A. Mix, T. K. Needham, Mrs. Needham and J. K. Needham, Grand Forks; F. Bonn and George R. Bowerman, of Hammond; Mrs. G. W. Quigley, of San Francisco; Mrs. V. Gordon, of Seattle; W. C. Emerson, of Yakima; Mr. and Mrs. Orr, of Shawanigan Lake; Capt. R. W. E. Morton, of Duncan; W. M. Lathrop and Mrs. Lathrop, of Crofton; J. W. Hartley, of Genoa Bay; N. M. Ivery, G. W. Montgomery and H. Montgomery, of Dove Creek; Hugh S. Green, of Salt Spring Island; E. M. Stephens, of Glenora; H. E. Stridley, of Cowichan; Miss Millie Quelliely, of Crofton; Mrs. V. Gordon, of Seattle; Mrs. L. Frantje, A. Mackenzie, Dr. G. H. Worthington, F. Taylor, A. P. Deaver, C. McTavish, Mrs. James D. Tait, and C. R. Day, of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Kent and Mr. and Mrs. T. Kent, of Vancouver, have arrived in the city and will spend the Christmas holidays with guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Kent.

Mrs. Wm. Bell and Master Gordon Bell, of Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Bowker Avenue. Captain Bell will arrive this afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Griffiths, of Oscar Street, are leaving to-day for Vancouver where they will be the guests of Mrs. Griffiths' sister, Mrs. A. E. Bull over the holidays. Dr. Griffiths expects to return to the city on Tuesday but Mrs. Griffiths will remain in the mainland city until the New Year.

Sunday School pupils of the New Thought Temple, Pandora Avenue, entertained their parents and friends at a delightful concert last night. The programme included excellent renditions of the piano and violin as well as songs and recitations. Each child was given a gift off a Christmas tree.

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Sidney Carter has also arrived from Los Angeles, Cal., to be the guest of his mother over the holiday.

Miss Muriel and Mr. Arthur Aylard, who are attending the University in Vancouver, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Appleby have removed from McClure Street and taken up their residence at 1182 Old Esquimalt Road.

Miss Henderson arrived in the city this morning from Vancouver on a holiday visit to her niece, Mrs. Francis Hartley.

Miss Mae Bastedo has returned from Vancouver where she has been the guest of Miss Margaret Shover for several weeks.

The many friends of Mrs. Torrance of Seattle, who is undergoing treatment at the Jubilee Hospital, will be pleased to hear that she is progressing favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. George M. Lindsay, of Vancouver, are expected in the city to-morrow to spend the Christmas Day with Mrs. J. McB. Smith.

The Caledonia dance on Saturday night continues to draw a big share of the dancing public. Wallace's six-piece orchestra provides a snappy programme of music and the floor is in splendid condition.

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### WOMEN'S AND MISSES' PLAIN AND FUR TRIMMED SUITS—

56 High-Grade Serge and Tricotine Suits, in navy, sand, grey, beaver and burgundy. Reduced to clear as follows:

- 2 only to clear at \$15.00 each.
- 10 only to clear at \$25.00 each.
- 16 only to clear at \$45.00 each.
- 6 only to clear at \$49.50 each.
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10 Only High-Grade Fur Trimmed Suits; the best of this season's models, fashioned from broadcloths and velours. Specially reduced to clear at HALF-PRICE. Sale prices are \$34.75 to \$99.25 each.

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5 Only Burberry and Ranelagh Coats, smart belted models. Excellent color effect tweeds. Sale Price \$39.50 each.

11 Only Ranelagh Coats, in smart tweed mixtures. Sale Price \$49.50 each.

14 Only Ranelagh and Burberry Coats, smart styles and colors. Sale Price \$59.50 each.

12 Only High-Grade Burberry Coats, an unusual offering. Sale Price \$75.00 each.

### CLOTH COATS—PLAIN AND FUR TRIMMED—

19 Blanket Cloth and Tweed Coats, in a good assortment of color effects and styles, grouped in three lots as follows:

- 3 only to clear at \$9.75 each.
- 7 only to clear at \$15.00 each.
- 9 only to clear at \$19.50 each.
- 38 Only High-Grade Velour and Bolivia Cloth and Marvella Cloth Coats, the choicest of this season's models. Colors include brown, navy, taupe, grey. Some are plain, others are trimmed with fur. Now grouped to clear as follows.
- 10 only priced to clear at \$29.50 each.
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- 3 only priced to clear at \$59.50 each.
- 5 only priced to clear at \$69.50 each.
- 6 only priced to clear at \$79.50 each.
- 1 only priced to clear at \$105.50.
- 1 only priced to clear at \$112.50.

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- 6 only, reduced to clear at \$55.00 each.
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### Women's and Misses' Silk Frocks

Included are models developed in fine qualities of taffeta, satin, crepe de chine and georgette combination effects; colors are navy, black, sand, brown, grey, Copenhagen and taupe, grouped to clear as follows:

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- 8 only, reduced to clear at \$35.00 each.
- 7 only, reduced to clear at \$45.00 each.
- 12 only, reduced to clear at \$55.00 each.
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—Drysdale's Women's and Misses' Garment Shop, First Floor

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The entire stock of Children's Coats at one-third off regular prices.

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Warm Blanket Cloth Coats, have box pleat effect at back, large collars and come in brown and Copenhagen only. Sizes 8, 10 and 12 only. Prices are \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$16.25 each.

Smart Velour Coats with fur collars, lined and interlined. Come in fawn, Adriatic and cerise. For ages 4 and 6 years only. Sale Prices are \$13.00, \$14.50 and \$19.75 each.

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Children's All-Wool Serge Dresses in sailor style, collar and cuffs are trimmed with red or white braid. Have pleated skirts and are for 4 years of age only. Sale Price \$4.95 each.

"Sailor Maid" Dresses of fine quality navy serge, collar and cuffs are trimmed with red, white or black braid. The skirts are box or knife pleated. Are for ages 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Sale prices are \$6.95, \$8.95, \$10.95 and \$11.95 each.

#### HATS—

Children's Colored Velvet Hats, in many styles, trimmed with band and bow of ribbon, or finished with silk stitching, in contrasting colors. Shown in navy, brown, sage, taupe and black. Also a few Black Plush Hats with band of corded ribbon. Sale Price \$1.95 each.

Black Plush Hats, have slightly rolled stiff brims and trimmed with bands and ends of corded ribbons. Also different styles in velvet hats, in shades of brown, navy and black. Sale Price \$3.95 each.

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### MAIN STREET

THE STORY OF CAROL KENNICOTT

By SINCLAIR LEWIS

Save for his presence, the world and all normal living disappeared. They were lost in the boiling snow. He leaned close to bawl, "Letting the horses have their heads. They'll get us home."

With a terrifying bump they were off the road, slanting with two wheels in the ditch, but instantly they were jerked back as the horses fled on. She gasped. She tried to did not, feel brave as she pulled the woolen robe up about her chin.

They were passing something like a dark wall on the right. "I know that horn!" he yelled. He pulled at the reins. Peeping from the covers she saw his teeth pinch his lower lip, saw him scowl as he slackened and saved and jerked sharply again at the racing horses.

They stopped.

"Farmhouse there. Put robe around you and come on," he cried.

It was like diving into icy water to climb out of the carriage, but on the ground she smiled at him, her face little and childish and pink above the buffalo robe over her shoulders. In a swirl of snowflakes, which scratched at their eyes like a maniac darkness, he unbuckled the harness. He turned and plodded back, a ponderous furry figure, holding the horses' bridles, Carol's hand dragging at his sleeve.

They came to the cloudy bulk of a barn whose outer wall was directly upon the road. Feeling along it, he found a gate, led them into a yard, into the barn. The interior was warm. It stunned them with its languid quiet.

He carefully drove the horses into stalls.

Her toes were coils of pain. "Let's run for the house," she said.

"Can't. Not yet. Might never find it. Sit over in this stall, near the horses. We'll rush for the house when the blizzard lifts."

"I'm so stiff! I can't walk!" He carried her into the stall, stripped off her overboots and boots, stopping to blow his purple fingers as he fumbled at her laces. He rubbed her feet, and covered her with the buffalo robe and horse-blankets from the pine on the feed-box. She was

drowsy, hemmed in by the storm. She sighed:

"You're so strong and yet so skilful and not afraid of blood or storm or—"

"Used to it. Only thing that's bothered me was the chance the chance the ether fumes might explode, last night."

"I don't understand."

"Why, Dave, the darn fool, sent me ether, instead of chloroform like I told him, and you know ether fumes are mighty inflammable, especially with that lamp right by the table. But I had to operate of course—wound chuck-full of barnyard filth that way."

"You knew all the time that—"

Both you and I might have been blown up? You knew it while you were operating?"

"Sure. Didn't you? Why, what's the matter?"

Kennicott was heavily pleased by her Christmas presents, and he gave her a diamond bar-pin. But she could not persuade herself that he was much interested in the rites of the morning, in the tree she had decorated, the three stockings she had hung, the ribbons and gilt seals and hidden messages. He said only:

"Nice war to fix things, all right. What do you say we go down to Jack Elder's and have a game of five hundred this afternoon?"

She remembered her father's Christmas fantasies; the sacred old rag doll at the top of the tree, the score of cheap presents, the punch and carols, the rosette chestnuts by the fire, and the gravity with which the judge opened the children's scrawly notes and took cognizance of demands—for sled-rides, for opinions upon the existence of Santa Claus. She remembered him reading out a long indictment of himself for being a sentimentalist, against the peace and dignity of the State of Minnesota. She remembered his thin legs twinkling before their sled—

She muttered unsteadily, "Must run up and put on my shoes—slippers so cold." In the very romantic solitude of the locked bathroom she sat on the slippery edge of the tub and wept.

Kennicott had five hobbies: medicine, land-investment, Carol, motor-ing, and hunting. It is not certain in what order he preferred them. Solid though his enthusiasms were in the matter of medicine—his admiration of this city surgeon, his condemnation of that for tricky ways of persuading country practitioners to bring in surgical patients, his indignation about fee-splitting, his pride in a new X-ray apparatus—none of these beatified him as did motor-ing.

He nursed his two-year-old Buick even in Winter, when it was stored in the stable-garage behind the house. He filled the grease-cups, varnished a fender, removed from beneath the back seat the debris of gloves, copper washers, crumpled maps, dust, and greasy cups. Winter noons he wandered out and stared owlishly at the car. He became excited over a fabulous "trip we might take next Summer." He galloped to the station, brought home railway maps, and traced motor-routes from Gopher Prairie to Winnipeg or Des Moines or Grand Marais, thinking aloud and expecting her to be effusive about such academic questions as "Now I wonder if we could stop at Baraboo and break the jump from La Crosse to Chicago?"

To him motor-ing was a faith not to be questioned, a high-church cult, with electric sparks for candles and piston-rings possessing the sanctity of altar-vessels. His liturgy was composed of intoned and metrical road-signments: "They say there's a pretty good hike from Duluth to International Falls."

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## WHEAT EXPORT TRADE IS NOW DEVELOPING FROM VANCOUVER

Nearly 62,000 Tons to Move  
Before Middle of February  
From Terminal Port

Export wheat movements out of Vancouver for the last of this month and for January and February in the New Year, show that the bulk of wheat being exported is being taken for points in the United Kingdom. No less than 18,160 tons of wheat will be exported in the last week of this present year, mostly for the United Kingdom, but a considerable shipment, too, for the Orient.

In January of next year the wheat movement becomes more pronounced with 25,770 tons to be exported from Vancouver for the United Kingdom and for the Orient. In February the first few weeks will see 10,350 tons moving away in export trade. From a comparatively small beginning the wheat export trade from the Pacific side of the continent has developed into a large and steady factor, with some tonnage held on nearly every boat sailing for either of these two points.

## WENATCHEE CLEARS TO-NIGHT FOR ORIENT

Carrying Party of Chinese Ex-  
perts and Diplomats Back  
From Conference

In charge of P. Y. Wu, official treasurer of the Chinese mission at Washington a party of fifteen experts and diplomats, advisors to the Chinese delegation to the Disarmament Conference at Washington will sail for their homes on the big Pacific Steamship Company's U. S. Board Line Wenatchee, when the latter pulls out of this port to-night at 6 o'clock. The Wenatchee has a stateroom that has been packed to the limit, mostly with Chinese from Vancouver and Victoria, who will join the boat here. The cabin list is lighter, but fair for this time of year. The Wenatchee also takes a good cargo when she clears for the Orient. The big passenger craft is expected here about 4 p. m. and will clear promptly at 6 p. m. for Manila, via Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong.

## ITALIAN SERVICE NOT PAYING WAY

The Canada-Italy service of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company has been shut down for the winter, with only a bare possibility of its continuance in the Spring, advises state. The service was started at the request of Italian citizens of Canada, business men who wished facilities for trade, and by co-operation of several lines in Italy. For some months the vessels were operated from Canada to Italy at a loss and finally the service dropped down and was abolished, temporarily at least. The ex-German liner, Koenig Friedrich Augustus, of 3,425 gross tons was purchased by the company from the Reparations Commission especially for this service. The liner was renamed the Montreal, plying between Naples, Trieste and Montreal. The Caserta, a smaller ship built by the Armstrong Whitworth Company in 1904, was assigned to the same route by the Navigazione Generale Italiana.

Christmas Day among Armenians is celebrated on January 18.—Tit-Bits.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC WOULD ROMP SOUTH TO SAN FRANCISCO

U. S. Board Craft If Acquired  
by Admiral Line Will Make  
Southern Port in 30 Hrs.

According to advices received in Seattle, H. F. Alexander, president of the Admiral line, is high bidder for the U. S. Shipping Board greyhound, Northern Pacific. Mr. Alexander bid an even million dollars, while only one other bid was received, that of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding Company at \$985,000. According to the dispatch the bids were informal, and the Board has withheld its decision at the moment.

The Northern Pacific is a fine passenger craft of graceful lines and exceptional speed, and should she pass to the Admiral line she will be used in the Seattle to San Francisco, cutting that service down to 24 hours flat. The Admiral line, if successful, plan to arrange her schedule so that she will leave here on Saturday night and arrive in San Francisco on Monday morning. At a pinch the Northern Pacific could make the run in thirty hours even, as opposed to the fifty hours taken now. This would give Seattle and San Francisco one of the fastest passenger services in existence, and would stimulate trade in both directions considerably.

Captain Cousins, of the Admiral Line S. S. President will go to New York to bring out the Ruth Alexander, the new 4,000 ton ship purchased by the Admiral line, and named after the wife of the President. The Ruth Alexander will be used in the southern route from Seattle via Victoria to San Francisco, it is understood. She was formerly the German craft Gallia, and is a staunch built vessel with trim lines.

## SCYTHIA HAD MANY PROMINENT BOOKINGS

According to cable advices received the Cunard Scythia, from Liverpool for New York carried 79 first, 197 second and 239 third class passengers. She also carried a large amount of Christmas mail, having on board 4,230 bags of mail and 2,303 bags of parcel post matter.

Among the prominent passengers on board were:

Major Sir Robert Green Price, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General, Great Britain since 1918.

Mr. R. Bruce S. Bedford, Director of Vickers, Limited, with control of Naval Construction work at Barrow-in-Furness.

Miss Dorothy Thompson, granddaughter of Col. Harvey, American Ambassador to Great Britain.

Col. W. T. Gear, Vice-President Robert Redford Co., Montreal.

Mr. R. Bruce S. Bedford, son of Robert Redford, Montreal.

In addition to 24,000 tons of box shingles, and 700,000 bundles of shingles, the lumber mills of the mainland exported 164,000,000 feet of lumber to foreign countries, it is estimated. This includes nearly all classes of cut and dressed lumber, including railway ties. Last year the aggregate total of lumber movements in the off-shore trade was \$9,792,000 feet, and there was no movement of shingles in that year by water. The situation is looked upon as being very satisfactory with prospects of another good year ahead.

Mince pie was known originally as "shred" pie, and was a savory rather than a sweet.—Tit-Bits.

Wearing new shoes on Christmas Day is considered unlucky in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.—Tit-Bits.



C. P. S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA  
which cleared from Yokohama on December 17, and will make port early on Monday morning, it is thought. The Russia is carrying a fair passenger list for eastern points.

## C.P.R. CAR BARGE NOW LIGHTERED

Cars Taken Off and Work of  
Installing Pumps Proceeds  
Apace

With the weather holding fair, the Pacific Salvage Company is making rapid progress at salving the wreck of the C. P. R. car barge off Portlier Pass. The cars were all off to-day, and the work of installing pumps commenced. If the weather holds satisfactory progress should be made by next week, states A. C. Burdick, local manager of the Pacific Salvage Company here. The cars contained perishable freight for the Christmas trade, including turkeys, and other eatables for the festive occasion.

The barge is lying in a fairly favorable position, and now that the cargo has been taken off the work of righting the barge will not take long. The weather holds the key to the progress to be made, and with this weather holding the work will be completed in fast time.

## ALL RESTRICTIONS REMOVED FROM PORT

Queenstown Now Fully Open  
to Steamship Lines in  
Trans-Atlantic Route

A cablegram received at the New York offices of the Cunard Line to-day stated that all restrictions have been removed from the port of Queenstown, Ireland, and that hereafter all Cunard steamers sailing between New York and Liverpool will call both eastbound and westbound at the Irish port.

The Cunard Line's first steamer from New York to Queenstown will be the new oil-burning Scythia, sailing Christmas Eve. The new Cunard-Anchor liner, Camosun, sailing December 31, will be the company's second steamer to sail from New York to Queenstown.

The Cunard-Anchor liner Assyria, which sailed from Boston December 5 for Londonderry and Glasgow, was directed by wireless to call at Queenstown. She was the first passenger steamer to sail for Ireland from Boston since 1914.

With the Irish peace settlement taking definite form, Queenstown will again assume the high place it used to hold in shipping circles in pre-war days, when it was the starting point for record-breaking trips across the Atlantic. For many years these records have been held by steamers of the Cunard Line. The Mauretania, now being recommissioned as an oil burner, holds the record at present, being the fastest ship in the world.

## SALVORS SEEKING QUARTER MILLION FOR WORK DONE

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Arguments by attorneys for both sides in the suit Salvage by D. J. Hanlon for \$250,000 for the use of the wrecking steamer Homer in helping to save the Dutch steamer Arakan from the beach near Point Reyes in September, 1920, were closed this week, and Judge Dopling has taken the matter under advisement. The case has aroused much interest on California street as the judgment will undoubtedly be a precedent in wrecking cases.

## MOERDIJK HAS GOOD CARGO FOR LOCAL DISCHARGE

One of Largest Shipments  
From Dutch Ports to Be  
Set Down Here

The Moerdijk from Rotterdam and Antwerp in the service of the Holland America line is not expected here until early in January, according to advices received by Messrs. Durham, Findlay & Brodie, local agents. January 10 is the date given for the expected arrival of the big freighter.

For Victoria the Moerdijk has one of the largest shipments yet received from the Dutch ports, including a varied list of general articles. The Moerdijk would have been in port by now, but for the fact that she met heavy weather in the Atlantic, and was delayed considerably.

## LIST OF MARINE CASUALTIES LIGHT

Considering Nature of Coast  
and Weather Report Con-  
sidered as Satisfactory

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—British Columbia Coast casualties during the year now closing reveal nothing serious in the way of loss of lives or ships. The Coast waters, indented with inlets, dotted with islands, scattered with rocks, are admittedly dangerous, but the fact that no lives were lost and that the following short list, with the brief description of the injuries suffered, is a high tribute to the efficiency of the officers of large and small freight and passenger steamers that ply up and down the inland passage, and even venture out to the open Pacific:

Jan. 12.—Tugboat Marvin sunk in Second Narrows. Was saved.

Jan. 29.—S. S. Cheakamus struck rock at Whaletown; damage slight.

Feb. 16.—Princess Beatrice ashore on Steep Island, Sabine Pass; considerable damage.

Feb. 17.—Steamer Anyox struck Reel Island; slight damage.

April 1.—Steamer Governor sunk in Puget Sound in collision with steamer West Hartland; eleven lives lost.

April 2.—E. D. Kingsley aground Ladysmith harbor; little damage.

May 13.—Chilliwack aground at Imperious Reef, Nanose Bay; beached for examination and found not seriously damaged.

June 16.—Tugboat sunk in Evening Cove; raised.

July 5.—Canadian Rover, fire in bunkers at Ocean Falls.

July 16.—Lady Kindersley in collision with tugboat Holyoke and barge; suffered damage to frame and planking.

July 31.—S. S. Canadian Explorer aground and lost on Willapa Spit.

Aug. 5.—Steamer Camosun struck Cliff Island; slight damage.

Aug. 15.—Steamer Chelohain, in fog, struck Table Island; damage eighteen plates.

Aug. 9.—Princess Maquilina on rocks, West Coast, but off by own steam; injuries not extensive.

Aug. 14.—Princess Ema aground on Gordon Point, Cormorant Island; not seriously, and off under own power.

Aug. 25.—Canadian Importer re-

ported helpless and in distress 525 miles southwest of Plattery. Recovered after several days' search, towed to port, repaired and is again at sea.

Sept. 3.—Government steamer Givenchy sunk by rising tide while aground near Bella Bella. Recovered and now at sea again.

Oct. 4.—S. S. Arizonan struck San Juan Island in thick fog and suffered heavy damage. Repaired at Seattle.

Nov. 14.—S. S. Canadian Farmer aground at Nanaimo and floated with tide; little damage.

Nov. 21.—Steamer Cowichan stranded at Welcome Pass in a snowstorm; floated and proceeded.

Dec. 2.—Barquentine S. F. Telnis helpless in Straits account of injured steering gear; towed to port and repaired.

Dec. 5.—Cheakamus stranded at Cortes Island; slight damage.

Dec. 5.—Canadian Rover grounded at Campbell River, but off by tide and her own power; damage slight.

Dec. 6.—San Antonio stranded at Roche Point, and suffered damage to bottom planks and frames.

## TWO KINDS OF WORKERS FOR LOVE, OR GOLD ALONE

Canadian National Railway  
Magazine Describes Com-  
position of Casey Jones'

There are, speaking generally, two groups of workers. In the one might be classed all those who work for money. The other includes the men who see somewhat beyond the pay envelope, and to the best interests of the institution with which they are employed. This generalization holds good in all lines of endeavor. And it is true because human nature has not altered much since the tradition- al exit of Noah and his family and all the other families from the ark. The only point of difference is that in some establishments there are more of one group and fewer of the other.

## JUDGMENT GIVEN AGAINST OWNERS

Court Awards \$5,325 to  
Plaintiffs Against Kingsley  
Navigation Company

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## FORMER VICTORIAN GOING TO FAR EAST

"Garry" Hemsworth to Make  
Home in China in National  
Railway Service

G. M. Hemsworth, known as "Garry" to his acquaintances in the railway and shipping circles here, arrived in Victoria yesterday to make his adieu pending a trip to the Orient with general traffic agent A. Brostedt and Don Ross, of Vancouver, to establish connection in China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Dutch East Indies for the Government service, under Mr. Brostedt. Garry Hemsworth was formerly passenger agent of the local railway office here, and was well known and popular along the waterfront and in railroading circles. The party is to leave on the C. G. M. Canadian Highlander.

The Canadian Highlander is posted to sail two days after Christmas from Vancouver.

Mr. Hemsworth became identified with the C. N. R. in the ticket office at Vancouver, in the year 1917, being transferred to Victoria the following year. He was with the C. N. R. in the year 1919, and later transferred to Vancouver as "T. P. A." in April of this year. He was a member of the Victoria and Island the Vancouver Kiwanis Clubs. The final position is, of course, promotion.

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Machine Gun Brigade—No. 1 Company, 11th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, will parade at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, December 27, at the Bay Street Drill Hall. A full attendance of all ranks is looked for. Dress: Drill order. The Provisional School of Machine Guns will be held at 7.30 p. m., promptly, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## BABY

Plates, 50¢ to \$1.50

Mugs, 15¢ to ..... 65¢

Shaving Mugs, priced at 50¢ to ..... \$1.10

Jumbo Cups, priced at 40¢ to ..... \$1.25

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Postponed Dance—Carson's invitation dance has been postponed until the second Monday in January, when it is expected that all members will attend.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**First Unitarian Church.**—At the service will be held at 11 o'clock. The preacher will be Mr. Alex. Thomson, who will speak on "The Child in Our Midst."

**Received Season's Greetings.**—The editorial staff of The Times is indebted to-day to the kindness of Chief of Police John Fry for a courteous expression of the season's compliments in the shape of two boxes of excellent cigars.

**Ejects Jury Trial.**—Sing Lee, a Chinaman from Sidney, charged with theft of \$1,600 from a fellow countryman, Joe Hoy, yesterday came before Judge Lampman in the County Court and elected trial by jury. The accused is on bail of \$2,000 until the Spring Assizes.

**Theosophical Society.**—No meetings of the Theosophical Society will be held on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Lodge meetings will be held as usual and the public study classes will continue to meet on Fridays at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the society, 161 Union Bank Building. The library will also be open to the public as hitherto.

**Christmas Social.**—The Esquimalt Women's Institute will hold a Christmas social at the Esquimalt Sailors' Club on Thursday evening, December 29, at 7.30, to which members and their friends have been invited. A jolly evening is anticipated with music and dancing and refreshments will be served.

**Military Greetings.**—Brig-General J. M. Ross, G. O. C., Military District No. 11, wishes all ranks of the garrison, services and departments, also civilian employees, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. All active militia and ex-C.M. officers attending the ball at Government House on Monday night have permission to wear uniform.

**Caledonia Club Dance.**—On Monday a grand Christmas dance under the auspices of above club will be held. Spotlight and moonlight dancing will be the principal feature of the evening. Everything is being done by the committee to ensure a good time for all. Dancing will commence at 9 p. m. and continue till 1 a. m., with Wallace's orchestra in attendance.

**Pathe Club Dance.**—Among the many dances planned for the coming week is one being given by the newly formed Pathe Club on next Wednesday evening, in the Conservative Club Hall, in the Campbell Building. This is the first affair of its kind which the club has given and all the members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. Invitations may be obtained at the Pathe Phonograph and Records Store, 1108 Douglas St. The Melody Hounds orchestra has been secured to supply the music.

**Friendly Help.**—Despite the "hard times" prevalent this season, or perhaps because of them, the spirit of goodwill and generosity is manifest at the offices of the Friendly Help Association, where contributions have been pouring in for the benefit of the poor of the city. Miss Lawson, the secretary, will acknowledge each of the gifts in due course, but she asks that special acknowledgments be made of a generous gift of \$15 received this morning from an anonymous donor. The society's grateful thanks are also extended to Y. R. Burns & Co., who have generously provided a roast of meat for each of the huddled and fifty families designated by the society.

**The Morning After.**—Resplendent in evening clothes and carousing a silk hat of brilliant luster, Wilfrid Cox this morning reposed in the police court dock, his presence being held by Magistrate Jay to be directly due to the potency of the Medoc claret dispensed by the Provincial liquor vendor. Making vigorous denials of any such influence being the cause of his breaking a window on Port Street, the accused attributed the smash to a knee weakened by synovitis, while the amused crowd which gathered round the dock to be present was attracted by heated argument over the window rather than to uncontrolled gyrations. The accused assured the court, Magistrate Jay considered that a Christmas contribution of \$50 would meet the case.

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## CAR SERVICES FOR THE HOLIDAY

The usual Sunday time schedules will be observed on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 26, on the city and interurban systems. On the day following, Monday, December 27, interurban trains will operate under the usual Sunday time schedule, while the city street cars will commence operation at the usual Sunday hour, but the last cars for all points will leave at the usual week-night hour.

## FIFTH REGIMENT TO BE HOSTS AT BOXING DAY DANCE

Visiting Seamen Invited to Attend Boxing Day Function

Through the kind permission of Lt.-Col. F. A. Robertson, D. S. O., O. C., and the officers, the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., will be hosts at the Boxing Day dance at the Armories on Monday evening, dancing to continue from nine until 1 a. m. The Community Concert committee are in charge of all arrangements. Tickets may be had at the door.

The Fifth Regiment twenty-piece orchestra will officiate under Bandmaster Albert Ramsay. A slight charge will be made for a benefit supper.

The men of the British cruiser Raleigh have been invited, and it is expected that many will attend, as the dance will be the last function of that nature that the men will have an opportunity of attending before their departure for Vancouver.

## STORES FILLED WITH SHOPPERS TO-DAY

Remain Open Till Late Hour To-night; Holiday Monday

The whole of to-day witnessed the inevitable last-minute rush of shoppers eager to purchase Christmas gifts, and the stores were crowded with a busy jostling throng of harassed "Santa Claus."

Although every year the merchants appeal to shoppers to do their shopping early, there seems to be little abatement of the last-minute rush, and weary assistants strove vainly to answer "stupid" questions such as "Can you suggest a suitable gift for my wife?" or "I don't know what to give to my husband, but please show me some things." While the early part of the week saw comparatively little activity in the stores, the past three days have witnessed unusual crowds, especially in the larger department stores, the Hudson's Bay Company and David Spencer's, Ltd., and the smaller stores all report good business.

The prevailing financial stringency finds reflection in the general tendency to give presents of a practical nature, and dress accessories and kindred wares have been much in demand in the stores. Most of the stores will remain open till a late hour to-night, and there will be a general holiday on Monday.

## ALDERMEN COMB BEACHES FOR WOOD

But Search Is Fruitless; Wood Cutting Scheme Off

Aldermen George Sangster and E. S. Woodward trudged up and down all the beaches around Victoria yesterday in search of wood to be cut by city unemployed. They could not find a log. And so the proposed wood-cutting scheme is off.

"Everywhere we went we found that the only wood which would be of any use was tied to shore by ropes," Alderman Woodward informed Mayor Porter and his colleagues this morning. "People living near the beach had already taken possession of it. There are scarcely any logs lying about the beaches now anyway. We walked over all the beaches but we found nothing to speak of."

Wood to be supplied to unemployed men will be cut in four-foot lengths, the City Council Unemployment Committee decided to-day. By supplying wood in four-foot lengths the city will save considerable money. It is felt that men out of jobs can at least cut up their own wood.

**Public Library.**—The Victoria Public Library will be open on Christmas Day from 2 till 9 o'clock in the reading and reference departments, but will be closed for the circulation of books.

## MACCABEES HEAR CHICAGO OFFICER

The second regular meeting of the Queen Alexandra Review, No. 11, U. B. A., was held in K. of P. Hall Thursday, the commander, Mrs. Galbraith, presiding. There was a splendid attendance and after the opening the regular order of business was suspended in order to hear Mrs. Emma Wilkinson, Supreme Sentinel and Deputy Supreme Commander of Chicago, Ill., who delivered a most interesting address on objects, aims and principles of the Association. She also complimented the Review on their success in the marathon race having two victors, Commander Galbraith and Mrs. Watson, which was a beautiful courage bouquet of roses was presented to the Deputy Supreme Commander.

Mrs. Lillian P. Hodgson was also a guest of the evening. At the close of the address a most successful five hundred was conducted by Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Watson, which swelled the funds of the Review.

On Tuesday the officers and members of the Queen Alexandra Review entertained the Deputy Supreme Commander, Mrs. Emma Wilkinson and

## Fletcher Bros.

Extend to Their Patrons and Friends The Compliments of the Season

## Tell Santa Claus

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### A Special Table d'Hote Turkey Dinner

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Tables for from 2 to 20 persons. Drop in and make arrangements or phone for reservations—23590-1635.

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The drug stores of Victoria will close on Monday, December 26, at 1 p.m., remaining closed for the balance of the day. On Sunday, December 27, the drug stores will be open at the usual hours.



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## Financial News

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# The Times Latest Sporting News

ARE NOT IN LEAD TO-DAY.

Victoria's prize puck-chasers are taking a look up to-day. Last night Seattle tumbled them from first place in the P. C. H. A.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, FOLKS.

The Times wishes all readers of its sports page a Christmas brimful of happiness, good eats, and presents, and an unlimited capacity.

## Foyston's Shot With Net Open In Overtime Period Knocked Aristocrats Out of First Place

Seattle Victors In Roughest and Wildest Game of Season; Victoria Forgot About Team Play; Both Teams Minus a Regular, Oatman Being Off Local Line-Up and Rowe Off Seattle Team; Referee McDonough Was Poor.

### P. C. H. A. Standing.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Seattle	7	4	2	1	15	15	9
Victoria	6	3	2	1	13	10	7
Vancouver	5	1	4	0	10	14	2

### Seattle, 3; Victoria, 2.

It's settled at last and the Mets are the winners.

The old-time argument, which, on local ice, had extended over two hundred and sixty-one consecutive minutes without a decision, was broken up at the arena last night when Frank Foyston, the flaxen-haired left-winger, flipped the puck into an open net one minute and fifteen seconds after the overtime period had started. The shot also gave unto the Mets first place in the P. C. H. A.

The verdict came like the kick of an army mule. The fans were flabbergasted, but when they saw the Seattle players cantering off the ice and the Aristocrats heaving their sticks about in disgust they realized that their vigil had ended.

### Third Consecutive Overtime.

This was the third consecutive game that the Aristocrats had carried into overtime here. In their final meeting last year, "Moose Johnson-Night," the teams played for six regulation periods, a total of 120 minutes, without a judgment. In their opening clash this winter, two weeks ago last night, the rival clans stepped through four periods with the score still remaining even. Then last night they linked up in another torrid fixture and the game was not decided until the overtime was played. This mark of 261 minutes constitutes a new record of continuous play without a decision in professional hockey.

### An Element of Luck.

There was an element of luck in the victory of the Moulden men. Dunderdale was benched in the last minute of regulation play for spilling Briden. The offence was nothing compared to what some of the players got away with during the night, but Referee McDonough evidently figured that the time had arrived to call a halt.

Foyston, however, broke quickly behind his own nets and on reaching the blue line was faced by Patrick. Instead of trying to go by with the puck he passed it to Walker. The head-headed rover caught the local defence wide open and gave Fowler a wicked shot. Hee saved, but the puck flew out too far for the referee to see. Head scramble for the rubber Walker beat Fowler by inches, giving a gentle pass to Foyston, who was uncovered and had the net wide-open, at his mercy. The left-winger made sure of his shot and the game was over.

### A Funny Game.

It was the funniest and wildest hockey scramble that has ever been staged here, but there were several redeeming features. One was that "Slim" Halderson is not a false alarm, as many of the fans had made themselves believe after his first appearance here. Another was that Mickey Don is not such a bad referee after all. After the first period, Referee McDonough last night the fans will no doubt be ready to give Mickey the glad hand. In future, Mickey has looked a bit off at times, but one must give him credit for always keeping the game and players in control. He has been through some terrible battles but has always held the whip hand.

### Acted as Restraint.

About the only thing that kept the players from committing murder last night was the fact that the suspension of Bobby Rowe for one game for cracking Moose Johnson over the head last Wednesday, reached the players while in their dressing rooms. This sort of curbed the sublime tactics of many of the players, on both sides. The display of hooking, slashing and tripping, and the application of the butt-end of sticks was the best yet. Despite it all McDonough at the players' feet, he kept the game and players in control. He has been through some terrible battles but has always held the whip hand.

Both teams took the ice under-strength. The Mets were without Rowe, Fraser filling in on the defence. Fraser did a good job and has all the marks of a corner. He seems to like the rough going. He was in many mix-ups, and his team-mates had to warn him several times to keep control of himself. Eddie Oatman, skipper of the local squad, was the Victoria casualty. He is still nursing a bad leg. Harry Meeking started out it right wing. He worked hard but slipped up on several passes. Halderson replaced him in the second period and made a big hit with the fans.

Team Work Fell To Pieces. The Aristocrats' team-work fell to pieces. Whether it was due to the absence of Eddie Oatman, the hard-working skipper, or to selfishness on the part of one or two players is open to question. There was cer-

### P. C. H. A. RECORDS

	Goals.	Assists.	Pts.	Pen.
The individual scoring records in the P. C. H. A. are as follows:				
Frederickson, Victoria	3	4	7	0
Dunderdale, Victoria	5	1	6	6
MacKay, Vancouver	1	4	5	10
Harris, Vancouver	3	1	4	6
Riley, Seattle	4	0	4	8
Oatman, Victoria	3	0	3	3
Adams, Vancouver	2	0	2	3
Walker, Seattle	2	0	2	0
Rickey, Seattle	1	2	3	3
Foyston, Seattle	2	0	3	21
Halderson, Victoria	1	1	2	0
C. Loughlin, Victoria	1	1	2	0
W. Loughlin, Victoria	1	1	2	12
Morris, Seattle	1	1	2	3
Skinner, Vancouver	1	1	2	0
Parkes, Vancouver	1	0	1	0
Johnson, Victoria	0	1	1	3
Meeking, Victoria	0	1	1	0
Rowe, Seattle	0	0	1	16
Briden, Seattle	1	0	1	0

been tackled, but Victor kept the goal.

With only two minutes to go to time both teams settled down to real work and the hockey was the best of the game. But neither side was able to score. Both Holmes and Fowler made some nice saves. Just before the bell McDonough decided to give Dunderdale a rest and the three-minute penalty split the downfall of the locals.

Lester Agrees To Play. During the breather the Aristocrats held a secret conference and Lester Patrick decided to pull on his toes and strengthen the defence while the team was a man short. He went to right wing, replacing Halderson. The overtime opened fast and finished just as quickly, the winning goal going to the Mets in 11 minutes.

The Mets introduced their new system. They put Riley over on right wing and Foyston switched to left. This combination worked very well and Johnson was not nearly as effective as in the opening game. Riley seemed better able to go by the Moose on the right than Foyston. As a result of Seattle's win, the Mets are now leading the P. C. H. A. parade for the first time this season and Victoria is in second place.

Summary. First period, 1. Seattle, 3-0; 2. Victoria, 2-0. Second period, no score. Third period, 3. Seattle, 1-0; 4. Victoria, 1-0. Overtime, 5. Seattle, 1-0. Goals—First period, 1. Seattle, 3-0; 2. Victoria, 2-0. Second period, no score. Third period, 3. Seattle, 1-0; 4. Victoria, 1-0. Overtime, 5. Seattle, 1-0.

Penalties—First period, none. Second period, 3 minutes. Third period, Dunderdale, 3 minutes.

Substitutes—First period, Briden for Fraser; Fraser for Morris. Second period, Morris for Briden; Halderson for Frederickson; Briden for Morris; Morris for Riley; Frederickson for Meeking.

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## Well Done! Slim Boy



Halderson looked one hundred per cent better last night than he did in the opening game here. He is a beautiful stick-handler and will be heard from before the season is much older.

## Baseball Travelling on a False Prosperity; Time to Call a Halt

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Club owners of the major and minor leagues must exercise discretion and stop paying and demanding outrageous prices for players or they are likely to have a sad awakening, according to Ban Johnson, president of the American League.

"Prosperity in the last two years has carried the magnates off their feet," said President Johnson to-day.

A False Prosperity. "We are and have been travelling along a false prosperity for the last two or three years, and the sooner we stop down the better it will be for the good of the game and everybody concerned. Next season may not be so good for the owners. Good times have affected their heads, and they are unconsciously doing baseball an almost irreparable injury by inflating the prices on players as they have this year. There is likely to be a slump in baseball, and then some of the owners will wish they had kept the strings tied to their pocket-books."

The team-work that gave the Aristocrats such a fine start in the season is wanted again or the boys may find themselves nosing around with Vancouver in the cellar.

Recruits certainly take their bumps. Both Briden and Fraser, of Seattle, were shown the ropes by the Aristocrats while the Mets gave Halderson a rough passage, but the kids stayed with it. Fraser looks to have more fight than any of 'em. But what else can you expect; his crew-piece is "red."

Frank Foyston can never pass the Moose when he plays centre or right wing. But last night Foyston went to the left boards and he had a great time. The Moose is not so effective on his right side and Foyston flashed by nearly every time. Riley on right wing was able to swing by the Moose quite often.

"Curse" was all Eddie Oatman said when the winning goal went into the net. He was in a sweat all night because he was not allowed on the ice.

Lester Patrick was not on the ice long enough to show anything. The same ended too quickly to prove whether the old boy still has the goal-getting trick still in his system.

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## COLD WATER SHOULD BRING NEW RECORD

Competitors in Christmas Day Swim Should Benefit by Chilly Waters at Gorge

Plenty of speed should be shown at the V. A. S. C. pool at the Gorge on Monday morning when the annual Christmas Day handicap swim is held. The cold water should spur the aquatic stars on to greater efforts and a record should be established.

About ten swimmers will compete in the 50-yard dash. The winner will hold for one year a handsome cup presented by Mrs. Harbord and medals, presented by the V. I. Development League, will go to the first three swimmers to reach the finishing mark.

The race will start at 11 o'clock.

Three soccer games are billed for the holiday, Monday. Two will be regular Wednesday League fixtures, while the third will be a benefit game for Sid Sherritt, captain and centre-half of the champion Victoria Wests, who has sustained several bad accidents during the season.

The benefit game is to be staged at the Royal Athletic Park at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning. The teams will be the Native Sons and the Victoria and District Football Association eleven. Charlie Paulkner will handle the whistle.

Best Players Picked. The teams include the best players in Victoria, and the match should be exceptionally close and interesting. The officials of the V. D. F. A. have in order to swell a fund for a worthy cause.

The teams will be as follows: Native Sons—Shandley; Whyte and Taylor; Baker, Brynjolfsson, and McKenzie; John Cummings, Pettigrew, Geo. Allen, J. Peden and T. Tealand.

V. D. F. A.—Leeming; Church and

Copas; Roe, Allan and Potter; Cummins, Merrifield, Bloom, Muir and Clarkson.

A Hard Game. On Monday afternoon the Wednesday League will hold two games. The feature, a tussle will be at the Royal Athletic Park. It will be between Spencer's and the Retail Clerks. The kick-off will be at 2:30 o'clock.

Spencer's are hoping to pull down the Clerks, who in turn are anxious for a win in order to keep pace with Weiler's.

The other game will be between Weiler's and the Garrison and will be played at York Point at 2 o'clock. The league-leaders are expected to take the match.

Weiler's will lineup as follows: Jelliman; Newman and J. Hall; B. Hall, Sweeten and A. Hilton; Livingstone, Stewart, Hay, Muir and McIlroy; reserves, C. Hilton and Mason.

The Clerks will be picked from the following: R. Peden, B. Cull, C. R. Clark, E. Kersch, T. Peden, J. Clark, C. R. Patterson, W. Fletcher, Holyoake, Greenwell, Thompson, Muir and Laird.

ments. Colonel Harvey faced it all to the manner born. He was bunkered from his tee shot. From the hazard he hit a most excellent shot of 90 yards to the green. His lone putt was not up, but then—with the jammers playing frantically, three cinema operators turning their handles, and photographers all round him—he holed a putt of two yards for a bogey 4.

There were due celebrations of this feat. The band paraded past him playing "Wang wang blues"—whatever that may mean—and the members followed behind him with insubstantial inscriptions, one of which the Ambassador dutifully displayed. It's dark at 4 boys, so gobble up and git!" was his particular motto. Then came a great march past of a funeral on a giant dish. It was insisted that he should take the wish-bone.

"I'm not quite familiar with the programme, but whatever it is I'm doing it," he said. Then, having accomplished everything except return his score, he made a dash for his motor car and returned to a workaday world. He did not ever stay for what was described as the "turkey-and-corn-and-pumpkin-pie-and-yum-yum thanksgiving luncheon," which was eaten to the palpitating music of the jazz band and coon singers.

"The Royal Wimbledon Golf Club—with the traditions of the game clustering round its 54 years' history—has had the awakening of a lifetime.

"It had jazz, junketing and jollification. The occasion was the Thanksgiving Day meeting of the American Golfing Society in London. Sixty players took part in a competition for a prize presented by Colonel George Harvey—"our brilliant Ambassador to the Court of St. James; a regular hummer it is, too," explained the programme—and various other trophies.

They Broke Out. "The supreme moment arrived when the United States Ambassador, who competed with F. E. Powell, the captain of the society, as his partner, approached the last green. The jazz band—coons and white men in a stupefying conspiracy of noise—finished "Swanee" with great cat, and burst crescendo into "We're not fun."

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Critics Think McGraw Has Pulled "Boner" in Paying Big Price for O'Connell

New York, Dec. 24.—If cost the Giants \$75,000 to take unto themselves James O'Connell, a first-sacker, in the Pacific Coast League. And, if history repeats, it's \$75,000 wasted.

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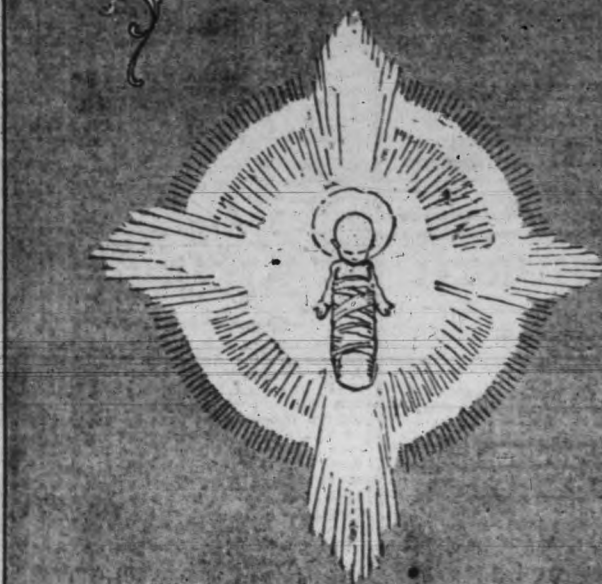
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# Christmas



From Martin Feuerstein's Famous Painting  
THE HOLY NIGHT



HIS Christmas dawns while the roar of guns still faintly echoes in the ears of men. The fields are still scarred where warring armies passed, and huddled mounds of bricks, now choked in a wilderness of weeds, still tell the story of yesterday's unforgetten agony. But the tinkling of bells and the sound of many voices singing, the crackling of open fires, the rush of tiny feet down the carpeted stairs, the scarlet wreaths and holly berries, the riot of silver tinsel among the fir and the balsam—all signify that Mankind still hopes for the Peace that was promised that first, far Christmas day.

When the three Wise Men followed a star and came to a cradle a new light broke on the world. Somehow the old human hatreds seemed to soften and another, deeper meaning was read into life. For tens of thousands of years since the birth of life, men had seen no way to live except by battle. But the Carpenter who came out of Nazareth propounded a new thought. He laid down as a rule of life, the principle of reciprocal fair dealing. He gave voice to that growing sense in the world, of a common aspiration in men.

In the nineteen centuries and more that have passed, the Christmas thought has been

expanded into that vast and complicated organism that human life has become. Only by some sort of trust in one another could men have got this far; only by some sort of joining of hands could they have prevented those early social groups from falling back to the life of the cave and the cliff.

But the faint echo of the guns still sounding in their ears is an insistent reminder to men that the Christmas thought is but imperfectly realized after all. The better understanding is yet to come.

The latter-day Wise Men know that Humanity can still lose what it has so slowly gained unless hatreds and aggressions between nations give way to a more decent order of things. And with a new Christmas, these Wise Men now look to the West instead of the East. Out of the welter of blood and bitterness the New World has emerged as the new land of hope. America today holds the balance of moral power. Whether consciously or not, she has become the protagonist of the earth's afflicted peoples—the custodian of their highest expectations for a better faith among nations.











# With our Young Folks at work and Play



## May This Christmas Bring Your Dearest Wishes and Every Joy

**C**HRISTMAS DAY in less than twelve hours! What a vision that conjures up, and with what expectancy we will hang our stockings up to-night, for the mysterious visit of Santa Claus! Three hundred and sixty four nights in the year we are quite content to go to bed and to wake up on the morrow to find a new day of action at our beckoning, but Christmas Eve—it is different. How can we sleep when at the very moment Santa Claus may be coming down to our roof in his sleigh drawn by the beautiful reindeer team!

Yet, little reader, you and I must sleep; for if we do not Santa Claus will come along and see us with our eyes open, or at most "not quite shut," and he will say to himself: "Ah-ha, there is a little girl who disobeys her parents—she was told to go to sleep—and yet here she is wide awake." And he will hurry on to the next house and we will get nothing, for we will have deserved nothing. So be sure whatever else you do, have a good sleep on this night, and the harder you sleep the more readily will Santa Claus drop down your chimney and fill your stocking.

What an evening of excitement this will be, hanging up little stockings, writing notes to Santa Claus and hustling off to bed. The sooner to sleep the sooner will morning be here, and then it will be Christmas Day—the day in all the year for which Santa Claus works three hundred and sixty-four days to make sufficient toys to go around. For there are

many little girls and boys in the world and each must have a toy, if one can be made in time for the great event.

Go to sleep early, little reader, and when you wake in the morning you will find your sock full, right to the top, with little gifts from Santa Claus—if you have been a good little child to your parents, and of course you have.

Christmas Day, with all its happiness and merry making has a very special meaning, and will have until the end of all human life on this world. What does it stand for? Why, for the birth of Christ. Many, many years ago there was born into a selfish world. One, whose every action was for the good of some one else. Whose every word carried kindness and thoughtfulness for others, and who, after a life of persecution and suffering, gave His life for all mankind.

On Christmas Day then, to-morrow, we will rejoice and make merry for the life of that one unselfish and glorious Man, our Saviour, and if many of us do not quite realize why we rejoice on that day, why we can at least accept the happiness that the day brings in good faith. Let our first action be to return thanks to Him whose birthday we are to celebrate, for were it not for His kindness there would be no happiness nor joy in this world.

The Editor of this page takes this occasion to wish every little girl and boy the very happiest and merriest of Christmas. May all your wishes be fulfilled, and may your greatest wish be that for the happiness of others. A Merry Christmas to all.

### INSUFFICIENT NOTICE

Sammy was just stealing into the house, covered from head to foot in wet and oozing mud. His father "spotted" him rounding the staircase on the first floor.

"Well, sir," said the stern parent, "where have you been?"  
"I-I fell in a mud hole."  
"What! And with your new trousers on!"  
"Yes, sir. I didn't have time to take them off."

### WHAT A TIRED BOY WANTS

He doesn't need a pillow, soft and dreamy; He doesn't need a sofa or a bed; It may be hard, it may be rough and scamy, But anywhere will do to rest his head.

The place he occupies may be required For other plans and purposes than his; But when a little boy is truly tired He wants to go to sleep just where he is! Arthur Guiterman, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

## "Did He Come, Muvver, Did He Come? Did He Bring My Doll—Did He Bring My Drum?"

**D**OROTHY, dear, I do wish you would go down stairs and see what those children want, they have been shouting for you for an hour," called Mrs. Walton to her eldest daughter.

Dorothy ran down stairs and into the living room where the assembled juniors were sitting in solemn conference on the rug in front of an open fire place.

"Here she is, here she is," came a chorus as Dorothy dropped down into the ring of smaller brothers and sisters.

"Well, chieabiddies, what is it?" asked Dorothy.

"You tell her, Mary," came the chorus.

"I-er-we, that is, could you let us each have one of your large stockings, Dolly?" came in a rush from a well nigh breathless Mary.

"Why, whatever for?" asked Dolly, though she knew full well.

"Well, you see," explained Bob, the leader, "Mummy told us to hang up our stockings, and you see, your stockings are larger than any of ours."

"But if I give you all stockings to hang up, Santa Claus will fill them all with presents for me, you must hang up your own stockings, and what Santa Claus cannot fit into those he will label and leave on the floor by the chimney for you," explained Dolly.

Satisfied, the merry conference wound up and its members romped away to find their stockings to hang up. In the course of time every stocking was in its place, and the mantelpiece presented a very festive air with eight little pairs of stockings, ranging in size from the relatively long ones of Dolly to the tiny teeny little socks of Bertha, aged three.

With suppressed excitement the conference gathered again and watched the stockings, until presently Mrs. Walton came down and each little member of the family was put to bed.

"Now, remember, you must all really go to sleep, there must be no pecking," she warned them.

Hour passed by after hour, one little head snuggled down on its pillow, to be followed by another, and yet another,

### GOOD REASON, TOO.

"Hey, Paddy, don't come down that ladder on the north corner," called Michael to his mate, at work on a building.

"Why?" called back Paddy.  
"I took it away," was the satisfying response.

### ESSENCE OF STINGINESS

"Ma, yer's awful mean," wailed Johnny.  
"Hush, bo. I won't hear you say that."

"But she is mean, she asked for my knife to sharpen her pencil, so that she might give me a bad mark."

### IF AT FIRST—

Junior: "Why will you persist in coming to the dinner table with dirty hands? You know I always send you away," scolded mother.  
"Well, once you forgot," was the reply.

### THE WAR HORSE

"General Braddock," wrote the small boy, "was killed in the late war. He had three horses shot under him, while the fourth went through his clothes."

### ABSOLUTE REALITY

"What do you find the hardest thing about learning to skate?"  
"The..."

## One Little Reader Finds the True Spirit of Christmas

**B**EFORE eighteen hours have passed the one great question will have been decided, and we will know what Santa Claus has brought for us from his northern home in Lapland. For the past three weeks or so Santa Claus and his able servant, Billie Blinkie, have been working night and day to make up the multitudinous requirements of good little boys and girls all over the world.

Not long ago Billie Blinkie dropped in to see the Editor of this page and stated that Santa Claus had a little secret that he would make known on Christmas Eve, and here is the secret. To every girl and boy who wrote to him and expressed an unselfish wish, he would give a five-dollar bill, so that such little girls and boys might buy their own Christmas present for themselves. Billie Blinkie stipulated that this was not to be made known until Christmas Eve, and so it is that the secret has been held until to-day.

Out of a long list of writers, who addressed letters to Santa Claus only one has been found that was truly unselfish. The credit for writing this letter goes to a little girl of eleven years of age, residing in the Marigold Post Office district of Saanich. We are not going to tell you the name for the reason that we are going to give you her letter to judge for yourself, but in accordance with the request of Santa Claus, through Billie Blinkie, we have already forwarded to this little girl the personal gift of \$5 from Santa Claus.

Here is the letter that pleases Santa Claus so much, though, of course, we reserve the name and the address for Billie Blinkie:

To Dear Santa Claus,  
My father has been out of work for the best part of this year. I wonder if you will be so kind as to send him something for Christmas? I am eleven years old.

Your Little Friend,  
EILEEN  
Marigold, B. C.

### IN THE RIGHT PLACE

It was the end of the term and Buddy's sister was being congratulated by their parents on an excellent report card.

"Where is your's, Buddy?" asked his father.

"Oh, I don't get mine until to-morrow."

It was a sad Buddy who found his way home next day, tears were on his face, on his clothes, and on his report card, clenched in two nervous hands.

"Why, whatever is the matter, darling?" queried his mother.

"My card," sobbed the little fellow. "I got nothing in three subjects."

The card read—Reading, 90; writing,

Of course, others wrote to Santa Claus too, and Father Christmas' doubtless has these requests in mind, but this letter was the only one received that asked for something for another and not for the writer. Little Eileen has caught the true spirit of Christmas, and that is sacrifice of oneself to make others happy.

Christmas Day is the birthday of Our Lord who gave His life to make the world a better and a brighter place for all of us. He did not ask gifts for Himself, but rather He gave all He had for others.

It may well be that in the hurry and bustle of preparing millions and millions of toys for the good little girls and boys of every nation of the world, that Santa Claus overlooked some little girl or boy, so to-morrow let us each watch out for the little girl or boy who was not visited by Santa Claus, and let us gladden that little heart with one of the many toys that Father Christmas has brought to ourselves.

Most years, Santa Claus just brings toys for the children, but this year there were so much suffering in the world that he had to leave many toys behind to bring food and clothing for the many who were without these necessities of life, so that we can not wonder if some little girls and boys are forgotten.

Let us make it our duty then to seek out those overlooked by Santa Claus and give them some of our store of plenty. If Santa Claus brings us two dolls, let us keep one of them for the little girl across the street, who got no dollies at all. If he brings us two sleighs, let us give one of these to the poor little boy at the corner, who is playing with a piece of board, and so on, until between us we have every little girl and boy in the country happy.

There is not much to be done, and if each of us make a really determined effort to do our bit, Santa Claus will be able to look back on us as real "pals" and incidentally we will have found our own Christmas ever so much brighter and merrier for this little act of kindness.

### SANTA CLAUS' SLIP

Mother: "Who ever taught you to use that dreadful word?"

Willie: "Santa Claus, Mother."

Mother: "Santa Claus?"

Willie: "Yes, when he fell over a chair in my bedroom on Christmas Eve."

Life.

### A LARGE ORDER

Penitent Mike: "I want to do something big and clean before I die."

Cynical Pat: "Wash an elephant."

## Y.M.C.A. Boys Plan Mid-Winter Camp At Beaver Lake

**W**HO wants to go to camp for two days, Tuesday, December 20, to Thursday, December 22? The Junior Division of the Y.M.C.A. is preparing a mid-winter camp at Beaver Lake between those dates, and if thirty boys are found willing to attend the matter will proceed. The camp will not be in tents, in this weather, but in the cosy confines of the newly constructed Beaver Lake Pavilion.

All the equipment necessary for such a camp is now at the pavilion, and boys attending need not bring blankets; all else will be provided. The names of any boys of the Junior Division who wish to attend should be handed to Harold C. Cross, Boys' Work Secretary, at once, so that final plans may be determined in this connection. The fine weather prevailing and the splendid facilities for amusement at the Beaver Lake Pavilion would ensure the success of the camp if a sufficient number of hardy souls can be prevailed upon to make the experiment. The idea of a mid-winter camp is a novel one, and yet has much to commend it, being an enjoyable way of spending two of the days of the Christmas holidays.

On Friday, December 23, the many clubs of the Preparatory Division of the Y.M.C.A. are to hold a special "banquet" and social time, in the boys' department of the institute. A splendid programme of games, competitions and stunts has been prepared, and it is expected that the rally of the preparatory clubs will be one of the greatest successes of that division this year. James McEwan and Delmar Battick are assisting H. C. Cross in preparation for the big event.

All classes of the Y.M.C.A. are busy preparing now for "Open House" to all parents and friends to be held on December 29, when boys of all ages and of every division of the Y.M.C.A. will gather as hosts to their relatives and friends. A very fine programme of events is now in course of preparation, and it is being anticipated that the rally this year will be even more successful than the notable entertainments of former years. Special swimming and gymnasium exhibitions will form an interesting feature of the Open House day.

### WELL, HARDLY

Tommy had been trying to steal into the house unnoticed when his father spotted him. "Why, Tommy, where have you been?"

"I-I fell in a mud hole, sir."  
"What, with your new trousers on?"  
"Yes, sir, I didn't have time to take them off."

## An Open Letter

Dear Santa Claus: It's Christmas Eve. I s'pose you'll show up soon to leave Your usual bunch of Christmas junk; I know the stuff; it's pretty punk—Tin horns and balls and drums and toys, Just anything that makes a noise: Nuts, candy—all that sort of stuff; Oh, well, of course it's good enough; But if I only could—just once—Cut out those old and silly stunts And have just what I want—oh, gee! You bet I know what it would be!

I'd take a dog—oh, wouldn't I! I'd be so happy I could fly. But mother says she can't abide A dog; and dad—of course he'll side With mother every time. But, gee! If they could see inside of me! They say you love us little chaps; Now, if you left the dog, perhaps They'd let me keep him. Anyway I'd be so hard to have him stay That I'm most sure—that is, I guess.

Let's have a whack at it, old dear; You bring a dog and leave him here. He needn't be real pedigreed—Just plain dog—any kind of breed; With sort of faithful, brownish eyes That roll around and sympathize; A tail that wags like anything And acts like it was on a spring; Any old color, any size, So long as he has doggy eyes. Oh, well, you bet I won't pass up Anything that was once a pup!

Please, Santa, dope this out some way For poor, dog-hungry Johnny Gay.

By Carolyn Wells in The Ladies' Home Journal.

### BUT IT DIDN'T HALT HER

Teacher: "Now, Tommy, what is a conjunction?"

Tommy: "A conjunction is a word connecting anything, such as 'the horse is hitched to the fence by his halter.'"

Teacher: "Yes, but where is the conjunction?"

Tommy: "Why, the halter, of course, connecting the fence and the horse."—Harper's Bazaar.

### ONE WAY CERTAIN

The superintendent of the village Sunday School, and also its only doctor, was questioning that class upon their lessons.

"Willie, what must we do in order to get to heaven?"

"We must die," was the practical reply.

"Yes, but before we die?"

"We must get ill; and then send for you."



# IMPERIOUS VICTORIA QUEEN AND WOMAN

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And it was not only the place, of him appeared in the Court that Victoria loved; she was equally attached to "the simple mountaineers," from whom she said, "she learnt many a lesson of resignation and faith." Smith and Grant and Ross and Thompson—she was devoted to them all; but, beyond the rest, she was devoted to John Brown. The Prince's gillie had now become the Queen's personal attendant—a body servant from whom she was never parted, who accompanied her on her drives, waited on her during the day, and slept in a neighboring chamber at night. She liked his strength, his solidity, the sense he gave her of physical security; she even liked his rugged manners and his rough unaccommodating speech. She allowed him to take liberties with her which would have been unthinkable from anybody else. To bully the Queen, to order her about, to reprimand her—who could dream of venturing upon such audacities? And yet, when she received such treatment from John Brown, she positively seemed to enjoy it. The eccentricity appeared to be extraordinary; but, after all, it is no uncommon thing for an autocratic dowager to allow some trusted indispensable servant to adopt towards her an attitude of authority which is jealously forbidden to relatives or friends, the power of a dependant still remains, by a psychological sleight-of-hand, one's own power, even when it is exercised over oneself. When Victoria meekly obeyed the abrupt commands of her henchman to get off her pony or put on her shawl, was she not displaying—and in the highest degree, the force of her volition? People might wonder; she could not help that; this was the manner in which it pleased her to act, and there was an end of it. To have submitted her judgment to a son or a Minister might have seemed wiser or more natural; but if she had done so, she instinctively felt, she would indeed have lost her independence. And yet upon somebody she longed to depend. Her days were heavy with the long process of domination. As she drove in silence over the moors she leaned back in the carriage, oppressed and weary; but what a relief!—John Brown was behind on the rumble, and his strong arm would be there for her to lean upon when she got out.

He had, too, in her mind, a special connection with Albert. In their expeditions the Prince had always trusted him more than anyone; the gruff, kind, hairy Scotsman was, she felt, in some mysterious way, a legacy from the dead. She came to believe at last—or so it appeared—that the spirit of Albert was nearer when Brown was near. Often, when seeking inspiration over some complicated question of political or domestic import, she would gaze with deep concentration at her late husband's bust. But it was also noticed that sometimes in such moments of doubt and hesitation Her Majesty's looks would fix themselves upon John Brown.

Eventually, the "simple mountaineer" became almost a state personage. The influence which he wielded was not to be overlooked. Lord Beaconsfield was careful, from time to time to send courteous messages to "Mr. Brown" in his letters to the Queen, and the French Government took particular pains to provide for his comfort during the visits of the English Sovereign to France. It was only natural that among the elder members of the royal family he should not have been popular, and that his failings—for failings he had, though Victoria would never notice his too acute appreciation of Scotch whiskey—should have been the subject of acrimonious comment at Court. But he served his mistress faithfully, and to ignore him would be a sign of disrespect to her biographer. For the Queen, far from making a secret of her affectionate friendship, took care to publish it to the world. By her orders two gold medals were struck in his honor; on his death, in 1883, a long and eulogistic obituary notice

of him appeared in the Court Circular; and a Brown memorial brooch—of gold, with the late gillie's head on one side and the royal monogram on the other—was designed by Her Majesty for presentation to her Highland servants and cottagers, to be worn by them on the anniversary of his death, with a mourning scarf and pins. In the second series of extracts from the Queen's Highland Journal, published in 1884, her "devoted personal attendant and faithful friend" appears upon almost every page, and in effect the hero of the book. With an absence of reticence remarkable in royal persons, Victoria seemed to demand, in this private and delicate matter, the sympathy of the whole nation; and yet—such is the world!—there were those who actually treated the relations between the Sovereign and her servant as a theme for ribald jests.

## II.

The busy years hastened away; the traces of Time's unimaginable touch grew manifest; and old age, approaching, laid a gentle hold upon Victoria. The grey hair whitened; the mature features mellowed; the short firm figure amplified and moved more slowly, supported by a stick. And, simultaneously, in the whole tenor of the Queen's existence an extraordinary transformation came to pass. The nation's attitude towards her, critical and even hostile as it had been for so many years, altogether changed; while there was a corresponding alteration in the temper of Victoria's own mind.

Many cases led to this result. Among them were the repeated strokes of personal misfortune which befell the Queen during a cruelly short space of years. In 1878 the Princess Alice, who had married in 1862 the Prince Louis

friends, displayed a constantly increasing sympathy.

An event which occurred in 1882 revealed and accentuated the feelings of the nation. As the Queen, at Windsor, was walking from the train to her carriage, a youth named Roderick Maclean fired a pistol at her from a distance of a few yards. An Eton boy struck up Maclean's arm with an umbrella before the pistol went off; no damage was done, and the culprit was at once arrested. This was the last of a series of seven attempts upon the Queen—attempts which, taking place at sporadic intervals over a period of forty years, resembled one another in a curious manner. All, with a single exception, were perpetrated by adolescents, whose motives were apparently not murderous, since, save in the case of Maclean, none of their pistols was loaded. These unhappy youths, who, after buying their cheap weapons stuffed them with gunpowder, and paper, and then went off, with the certainty of immediate detection, to click them in the face of royalty, present a strange problem to the psychologist. But, though in each case their actions and their purposes seemed to be so similar, their fates were remarkably varied. The first of them, Edward Oxford, who fired at Victoria with a few months of her marriage, was tried for high treason, declared to be insane, and sent to an asylum for life. It appears, however, that this sentence did not commend itself to Albert, for when, two years later, John Francis committed the same offence, and was tried upon the same charge, the Prince pronounced that there was no insanity in the matter. "The wretched creature," he told his father, was "not out of his mind, but a thorough scamp." "I hope," he added, "his trial will be conducted with the greatest

grotesque; and it was, besides, clear that a jury, knowing that a verdict of guilty implied a sentence of death, would tend to the alternative course, and find the prisoner not guilty but insane—a conclusion which, on the face of it, would have appeared to be the more reasonable. In 1842, therefore, an Act was passed making any attempt to hurt the Queen a misdemeanor, punishable by transportation for seven years, or imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a term not exceeding three years—the misdemeanor, at the discretion of the Court, "to be publicly or privately whipped, as often, and in such manner and form, as the Court shall direct, not exceeding thrice." The four subsequent attempts were all dealt with under this new law; William Bean, in 1842, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment; William Hamilton, in 1849, was transported for seven years; and, in 1850, the same sentence was passed upon Lieutenant Robert Pate, who struck the Queen on the head with his cane in Piccadilly. Pate, alone among these delinquents, was of mature years; he had held a commission in the Army, dressed himself as a dandy, and was, the Prince declared, "manifestly deranged." In 1872 Arthur O'Connor, a youth of seventeen, fired an unloaded pistol at the Queen outside of Buckingham Palace; he was immediately seized by John Brown, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and twenty strokes of the birch rod. It was for his bravery upon this occasion that Brown was presented with one of his gold medals. In all these cases the jury had refused to allow the plea of insanity; but Roderick Maclean's attempt in 1882 had a different issue. On this occasion the pistol was found to have been loaded, and the public indignation, emphasized as it was by Victoria's growing popularity, was particularly great. Either for this or for some other reason the procedure of the last forty years was abandoned, and Maclean was tried for high treason. The result was what might have been expected: the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty, but insane"; and the prisoner was sent to an asylum during Her Majesty's pleasure. This verdict, however, produced a remarkable consequence. Victoria, who doubtless carried in her mind some memory of Albert's disapproval of a similar verdict in the case of Oxford, was very much annoyed. What did the jury mean, she asked, by saying that Maclean was not guilty? It was perfectly clear that he was guilty—she had seen him fire off the pistol herself. It was in vain that Her Majesty's

constitutional advisers reminded her of the principle of English law which lays down that no man can be found guilty of a crime unless he be proved to have had a criminal intention. Victoria was quite unconvinced. "If that is the law," she said, "the law must be altered"; and altered it was. In 1883 an Act was passed changing the form of the verdict in cases of insanity, and the confusing anomaly remains upon the Statute Book to this day. But it was not only through the feelings—commiserating—or indignation—of personal sympathy that the Queen and her people were being drawn more nearly together; they were beginning, at last, to come to a close and permanent agreement upon the conduct of public affairs. Mr. Gladstone's second administration (1880-85) was a succession of failures, ending in disaster and disgrace; Liberalism fell into discredit with the country, and Victoria perceived with joy that her distrust of her Ministers was shared by an ever-increasing number of her subjects. During the crisis in the Sudan, the popular temper was her own. She had been among the first to urge the necessity of an expedition to Khartoum, and when the news came of the catastrophe death of General Gordon, her voice led the chorus of denunciation which raved against the Government. In her rage, she despatched a fulminating telegram to Mr. Gladstone, not in the usual cypher, but open; and her letter of condolence to Miss Gordon, in which she attacked her Ministers for breach of faith, was widely published. It was rumored that she had sent for Lord Hartington, the Secretary of State for War, and vehemently upbraided him. "She rated me," he was reported to have told a friend, "as if I'd been a footman." "Why didn't she send for the butler?" asked his friend. "Oh," was the reply, "the butler generally manages to keep out of the way on such occasions."

But the day came when it was impossible to keep out of the way any longer. Mr. Gladstone was defeated, and resigned. Victoria, at a final interview, received him with her usual amenity, but, besides the formalities demanded by the occasion, the only remark which she made to him of a personal nature was to the effect that she supposed Mr. Gladstone would now require some rest. He remembered with regret how, at a similar audience in 1874, she had expressed her trust in him as a supporter of the throne; but he noted the change without surprise. "Her mind and opinions," he wrote in his diary afterwards, "have

since that day been seriously warped."

Such was Mr. Gladstone's view; but the majority of the nation by no means agreed with him; and, in the General Election of 1886, they showed decisively that Victoria's politics were identical with theirs by casting forth the contrivers of Home Rule—that abomination—into outer darkness, and placing Lord Salisbury in power. Victoria's satisfaction was profound. A flood of new unwonted hopefulness swept over her, stimulating her vital spirits with a surprising force. Her habit of life was suddenly altered; abandoning the long seclusion which Disraeli's persuasions had only momentarily interrupted, she threw herself vigorously into a multitude of public activities. She appeared at drawing-rooms, at concerts, at reviews; she laid foundation stones; she went to Liverpool to open an international exhibition, driving through the streets in her open carriage in heavy rain amid vast applauding crowds. Delighted by the welcome which met her everywhere, she warmed to her work. She visited Edinburgh, where the ovation of Liverpool was repeated and surpassed. In London, she opened in high state the Colonial and Indian Exhibition at South Kensington. On this occasion the ceremonial was particularly magnificent; a blare of trumpets announced the approach of Her Majesty; the "National Anthem" followed; and the Queen, seated on a gorgeous throne of hammered gold, replied with her own lips to the address that was presented to her. Then she rose, and, advancing upon the platform with regal port, acknowledged the acclamations of the great assembly by a successful

sponded to the double sentiment with all the ardour of her spirit. England and the people of England, she knew it, she felt it, were, in some wonderful and yet quite simple manner, hers. Exultation, affection, gratitude, a profound sense of obligation, an unbounded pride—such were her emotions; and, coloring and intensifying the rest, there was something else. At last, after so long, happiness—fragmentary, perhaps, and charged with gravity, but true and unmistakable none the less—had returned to her. The unaccustomed feeling filled and warmed her consciousness. When, at Buckingham Palace again, the long ceremony over, she was asked how she was, "I am very tired, but very happy," she said.

And so, after the toils and tempests of the day, a long evening followed—mild, serene, and lighted with a golden glow. For an unexampled atmosphere of success and adoration invested the last period of Victoria's life. Her triumph was the summary, the crown, of a greater triumph—the culminating prosperity of a nation. The solid splendor of the decade between Victoria's two jubilees can hardly be paralleled in the annals of England. The sage counsels of Lord Salisbury seemed to bring with them not only wealth and power, but security; and the country settled down, with calm assurance, to the enjoyment of an established grandeur. And—it was only natural—Victoria settled down too. For she was a part of the establishment—an essential part as it seemed—a fixture—a magnificent, immovable sideboard in the huge saloon of state. Without her the heaped-up banquet of 1890 would have lost its distinctive quality—the comfortable order of the substantial unambiguous dishes,

figure slowly faded, its place was taken, inevitably, by Victoria's own. Her being, revolving for so many years round an external object, now changed its motion and found its centre in itself. It had to be so; her domestic position, the pressure of her public work, her indomitable sense of duty, made anything else impossible. Her egotism proclaimed its rights. Her age increased still further the surrounding deference; and her force of character, emerging at length in all its plenitude, imposed itself absolutely upon its environment by the conscious effort of an imperious will.

Little by little it was noticed that the outward vestiges of Albert's posthumous domination grew less complete. At Court the stringency of mourning was relaxed. As the Queen drove through the Park in her open carriage with her Highlanders behind her, nursery-maids canvassed eagerly the growing patch of violet velvet in the bonnet with its jet appurtenances on the small bowing head.

It was in her family that Victoria's ascendancy reached its highest point. All her offspring were married; the number of her descendants rapidly increased; there were many marriages in the third generation; and no fewer than thirty-seven of her great-grandchildren were living at the time of her death. A picture of the period displays the royal family collected together in one of the great rooms at Windsor—a crowded company of more than fifty persons, with the imperial matriarch in their midst. Over them all she ruled with a most potent sway. The small concerns of the youngest aroused her passionate interest; and the oldest she treated as if they were children still. The Prince of Wales, in particular, stood in tremendous awe of his mother. She had steadily refused to allow him the slightest participation in the business of government; and he had occupied himself in other ways. Nor could it be denied that he enjoyed himself—out of her sight; but, in that redoubtable presence, his abounding manhood suffered a miserable eclipse. Once, at Osborne, when, owing to no fault of his, he was too late for a dinner party, he was observed standing behind a pillar and, wiping the sweat from his forehead, trying to nerve himself to go up to the Queen. When at last he did so, she gave him a stiff nod, whereupon he vanished immediately behind another pillar, and remained there until the party broke up. At the time of this incident the Prince of Wales was over fifty years of age.

It was inevitable that the Queen's domestic activities should occasionally trench upon the domain of high diplomacy; and this was especially the case when the interests of her eldest daughter, the Crown Princess of Prussia, were at stake. The Crown Prince held liberal opinions; he was much influenced by his wife, and both were detested by Bismarck, who declared with scurrilous emphasis that the Englishwoman and her mother were a menace to the Prussian State. The feud was still further intensified when, on the death of the old Emperor, 1888, the Crown Prince succeeded to the throne. A family entanglement brought on a violent crisis. One of the daughters of the new Empress had become betrothed to Prince Alexander of Battenberg, who had lately been ejected from the throne of Bulgaria owing to the hostility of the Tsar. Victoria, as well as the Empress, highly approved of the match. Of the two brothers of Prince Alexander, the elder had married another of her granddaughters, and the younger was the husband of her daughter, the Princess Beatrice; she was devoted to the handsome young man; and she was delighted by the prospect of the third brother—on the whole the handsomest she thought, of the three—also becoming a member of her family.

(Continued Next Saturday.)

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## QUEEN VICTORIA



At the Time of Her Jubilee

## THE PRINCE OF WALES



Afterwards King Edward VII.

of Hesse-Darmstadt, died in tragic circumstances. In the following year the Prince Imperial, the only son of the Empress Eugenie, to whom Victoria, since the catastrophe of 1870, had become devotedly attached, was killed in the Zulu War. Two years later, in 1881, the Queen lost Lord Beaconsfield, and, in 1883, John Brown. In 1884 the Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, who had been an invalid from birth, died prematurely, shortly after his marriage. Victoria's cup of sorrows was indeed overflowing; and the public, as it watched the widowed mother weeping for her children and her

strictness." Apparently it was; at any rate, the jury shared the view of the Prince, the plea of insanity was set aside, and Francis was found guilty of high treason and condemned to death; but, as there was no proof of an intent to kill or even to wound, this sentence, after a lengthened deliberation between the Home Secretary and the Judges, was commuted for one of transportation for life. As the law stood, these assaults, futile as they were, could only be treated as high treason; the discrepancy between the actual deed and the tremendous penalties involved was obviously

## REMARKABLE ROYAL GROUP



When the Present Prince of Wales Was an Infant

sion of courtneys, of elaborate and commanding grace.

Next year was the fiftieth of her reign, and in June the splendid anniversary was celebrated in solemn pomp. Victoria, surrounded by the highest dignitaries of her realm, escorted by a glittering galaxy of kings and princes, drove through the crowded enthusiasm of the capital to render thanks to God in Westminster Abbey. In that triumphant hour the last remaining traces of past antipathies and past disagreements were altogether swept away. The Queen was hailed at once as the mother of her people and as the embodied symbol of their imperial greatness; and she re-

with their background of weighty glamor, half out of sight.

Her own existence came to harmonize more and more with what was around her. Gradually, imperceptibly, Albert receded. It was not that he was forgotten—that would have been impossible—but that the void created by his absence grew less agonizing, and even, at last, less obvious. At last Victoria found it possible to regret the bad weather without immediately reflecting that her "dear Albert" always said we could not alter it, but must leave it as it was; she could even enjoy a good breakfast without considering how "dear Albert" would have liked his eggs. And, as that



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drop-head Singer Machine, \$35-  
118 Yates.

Something Useful—Buy me a shirt  
for Christmas from A. T. Weight, The  
Shirt, Collar and Tie Shop, 716  
Yates.

Remember the Salvation Army  
Christmas Cheer and Winter Relief  
Fund.

Personal Xmas Greeting Cards  
completed within one day—Digson's,  
the specialists.

Shipping Helly, frost-proof pack-  
ing. The Helly Shop, Broad and  
View.

Show Cards and Cartoons for Xmas.  
Phone 3752, H. L. Pigot, 52 Arcade  
Building.

Adams for best dry fir cordwood  
blocks. Phone 6757X, 1903 Belmont  
Avenue.

Jewelry, Cut Glass, Silverware,  
Xmas Presents go to E. Anderson's  
opposite Columbia Theatre.

The Auditorium of the Victoria  
Chamber of Commerce for rent by  
day or evening (\$10). Apply Sec-  
retary.

I Know Where to Go—Gloves, silk  
pyjamas, silk shirts, A. T. Weight,  
The Shirt, Collar and Tie Shop, 716  
Yates.

Let's Dainties, Canadian Pocket  
Diaries, Boys' and Girls' Annals, also  
Chums for 1922. T. N. Hibben &  
Co.

The Ladies of St. Mary's Guild,  
Oak Day, will hold their Christmas  
sale Friday, December 31.

Pocket Knives at popular prices.  
Hibben & Co.

P. J. Wood, barber, R. C. Perma-  
nent Loan Building.

1922 Gem Calendar Pads and Stands.  
Hibben & Co.

English 3/4 Billiard Table for Sale—  
The Beehive, Phone 1600R.

Oh, Boy, let's go round and get one  
of those caps from A. T. Weight, The  
Shirt, Collar and Tie Shop, 716 Yates.

The Nearest Guess in the bean con-  
test of the Old Crocydon Survey Firm,  
1917 Douglas Street, was won by  
Mrs. Carey, 708 Princess Avenue, Vic-  
toria. Guess 1,670; quantity, 1,652.

"J" Unit Chapter, I. O. O. E., will  
hold their New Year even ball at the  
Alexandra, Friday, December 30.  
Tickets at Fletcher Bros.

Christmas Cards—Order early. See  
our samples. The Quality Press,  
Gambley Street—Phone 4778.

Bassett Portrait Coupons are Good  
Until Used—We are making sittings  
now for New Year gifts for the East.  
Bassett Studio.

RED TICKETS GO  
WITH APPEARANCE  
OF BIG FARE BOXFare System on Street Cars to  
Change Wednesday

Red, six-cent street car tickets will  
be abolished in Victoria next Wed-  
nesday, the Traffic Department of  
the B. C. Electric Railway Company  
announced today. The six-cent  
tickets will disappear with the in-  
stallation of new fare boxes which  
will be in all cars Wednesday morn-  
ing.

The new fare boxes are provided  
with a big, open mouth into which  
car riders can put coins or tickets.  
These boxes will be of the type in  
use in many eastern cities, including  
Montreal, and somewhat after the  
style used on New York's elevated  
street railways. Conductors will  
provide necessary change as usual  
and will green strip tickets, but the  
big fare boxes, it is expected, will  
speed up the service considerably.  
People who do not wish to buy green  
tickets, can put a nickel and a copper  
into the fare box without securing a  
red ticket.

Officials of the B. C. Electric traf-  
fic department urge street car riders  
to buy green tickets, which will be  
sold as usual in strips of six for  
thirty-five cents, and so avoid de-  
lays caused when conductors are  
forced to provide change, especially  
during rush hours.

The vote of Victoria employees of the  
Company on the new fare schedule  
was taken at a meeting held last night.  
The result of the vote was that the  
new fare boxes were immediately for-  
warded to Vancouver to be counted  
with the company's street car employ-  
ees. The result of the vote, it was ex-  
pected this morning, will be known late  
today or tomorrow.

NO RESIGNATIONS  
EVEN INTIMATEDPremier Oliver Definitely Re-  
plies to Political Rumors

Stories being circulated that the Hon.  
John Hart, Minister of Finance, was  
leaving the cabinet were finally  
and definitely denied today by Premier  
Oliver.

One of these stories was that Mr. Hart  
was anxious to return to his business  
and had handed in his resignation to  
the cabinet. The Premier said that he  
had never had the slightest intima-  
tion from any member of the govern-  
ment, outside of Mr. Farris, that he  
intended or even desired to resign.  
Further, I can say that I have no reason  
to expect any such resignation.

The Premier added that it was expected  
that all sorts of rumors would be  
circulated during the next few weeks.  
He said that nothing would be done  
about the office of Attorney-General  
until Mr. Farris received a tele-  
graphic message from Mr. Farris who  
was in St. John, New Brunswick. Mr. Farris  
will leave for the West Monday night,  
stopping at Ottawa on the way. He is  
expected in Victoria about Jan. 4 or 5.

ALMAGAMATED VETERANS'  
RELIEF FUND FOR NEEDY

Since the inauguration of the  
Almagamated Veterans' Association  
Relief Fund, many worthy people in  
distress have received assistance,  
and despite the generosity of Vic-  
torians in conducting their many re-  
lief works there is still a large ele-  
ment in Victoria—when charity  
strikes with a sting, when they re-  
call some happier Christmas with  
more plentiful boards, and the  
Canon and his colleagues on the  
committee spare no pains to find  
these cases out and administer as-  
sistance. Donations up to the pre-  
sent are as follows: Capt. H. C.  
Carey, \$10; K. B. N., \$5; A. Friend,  
\$5; Millie and George Sheobotham,  
\$2; Giff, K. B. N., clothing; Millie  
and George Sheobotham, quantity of  
tops; Mrs. Wendell B. Shaw, quan-  
tity of candles.

Food, clothing and money are  
equally acceptable, and all such dona-  
tions may be addressed to H. P.  
Thorpe, secretary Almagamated Vet-  
erans' Association, 201 Union Bank  
Building, Victoria.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE

(Burdick Bros. Limited.)  
New York sterling, \$219.  
Canadian sterling, \$147.  
London bar silver, 34 3/4.

WORLD HIKERS  
SPEND CHRISTMAS  
IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Ford Shubley  
and Charley Burkman, the two  
world hikers who left Halifax  
October 4 on a tour around the world  
in an attempt to win a \$25,000 prize  
described by sportsmen in the  
maritime provinces, have arrived  
here, having covered 970 miles. They  
will spend Christmas here and leave  
for Ottawa and Toronto next week.  
The trip must be completed within  
three years and a condition is that  
they must gather 25,000 signatures of  
mayors and other civic authorities in  
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Award Rejected By  
B. C. Electric Men

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The  
employees of the B. C. Electric  
have voted decisively  
against accepting the award  
of the arbitrators who recently  
recommended a reduction  
of wages of approximately 10  
per cent. The counting of the  
ballots was finished this  
morning. There were 311 in  
favor of acceptance and 1,039  
against.

MANAGER OF REVUE  
DIED HERE TO-DAYF. Howard of "Hullo, Canada,"  
Victim of Pneumonia

Fred Howard, manager of His Ma-  
jesty's Theatre, Montreal, died here  
this morning following a brief illness.  
The late Mr. Howard had only been  
in Victoria for a week and was act-  
ing as company manager of the revue  
"Hullo Canada" for the Trans-Can-  
ada Theatres, Ltd.

Although suffering from a slight  
cold when he arrived, he re-  
mained in his usual good health at-  
tending at the Royal Victoria Theatre  
to superintend the performance until  
Thursday evening, at which time he  
remained throughout the day at the  
Westholme Hotel, where he has been  
staying. While at dinner  
on Thursday evening, at the hotel  
he was taken ill and retired to  
bed, and later pneumonia supervened  
from which he passed away this  
morning at 5 o'clock.

The remains are reposing at the  
Sands Funeral Chapel pending the  
arrival of instructions from the East.

TO BUILD NEW SCHOOL  
FOR MISSION; HERE

On Thursday evening the annual  
Christmas entertainment of the  
Presbyterian Chinese Mission was  
held in the Chinese Church and was  
largely attended, not only by the  
Chinese but also by others interested in  
the Mission.

Rev. W. L. Macrae, convenor of the  
Presbyterian Foreign Missions Com-  
mittee presided. An excellent pro-  
gramme of songs, recitations, pan-  
tomimes, tableaux was ably and  
diligently rendered. Following the  
programme many valuable gifts were  
distributed from a well-laden tree to  
the children whose attendance and  
work throughout the year merited  
them. Miss Cronkhitte, Mrs. Mac-  
queen, Rev. Leung, Mr. Fong and  
Perry, the teaching staff, as well as  
other friends of the Mission were also  
generously remembered.

The programme follows:  
Hymn—"All Hail the Power of  
Jesus Name."  
Prayer, Rev. W. L. Macrae, chair-  
man.  
Christmas Carol—Miss Cronkhitte's  
class.  
The Village Girls—A sketch:  
Freeda Kong, Lily Leung, Rachel  
Leung, Philip Chan, Steven Chan  
and John Lee.  
Bible Recitation and Hymn—Chil-  
dren of Rev. M. F. Leung.  
Ean Drill—Eight Girls  
Solo—"My Grace Is Sufficient for  
Thee"—Miss Edith Koo  
"Play of the Flowers and Birds"  
Peter Kong, Andrew Kong and  
Solomon Leung.  
"Mothers Helpers," a working song—  
Rose Chan, Fanny Liu, Victoria  
Lau, Annie Loo, Lily Leung, Rachel  
Leung and Doris Lee.  
Recitation—Luke 3:11, "As Applied  
to Humanity"—Lum Kim  
Chorus—"Oh Little Town of Beth-  
lehem"  
Girls from Rev. M. F. Leung's Class  
"Star of Bethlehem" and encore,  
"To My City"  
Solo—"A Sunbeam Song"  
Ruth Leung  
Trio—Rev. Y. N. Ywan, Rev. M. F.  
Leung and Walter Lee.  
The Beautiful City—Play—Bing  
Kune, Stephen Chan, Philip Chan,  
Ira Chan, Alan Chan, Ernest Leung,  
Cecil Leung, Solomon Leung and  
others.  
Pantomime and Tableau—"Rock of  
Ages," soloist, Mrs. P. G. Louie.  
Pantomimists—Misses Eunice  
Kong, Edith Koo, Noeuen Lee,  
Mary Liu, Rose Kong and Alice  
Chung.

The chairman gave a brief state-  
ment of the progress of the mission  
during the last few years. In 1918,  
on the recommendation of the Pres-  
bytery of Victoria, the Foreign Mis-  
sion Board at Toronto extended a call  
to Rev. D. A. Smith, B.A., then  
minister of St. Aidan's Church, St.  
Tolmie, to become superintendent of  
Chinese work on the Pacific Coast.  
Mr. Smith accepted this call and was  
shortly afterwards sent to South  
China to study the language and the  
methods of mission work. After two  
years of diligent study Mr. Smith re-  
turned and recently visited all the  
centres of Chinese mission work in  
connection with the church between  
Montreal and Victoria.

As for some years the work has  
been handicapped on account of in-  
sufficient accommodation, the Mis-  
sion Board early in this year pur-  
chased a valuable property on the  
corner of Blanchard and North Park  
Streets, and within the last few  
weeks decided to erect on this prop-  
erty a building suitable for church  
and school, for which the plans and  
estimates are now being prepared.  
This building will now soon be under  
way and will mark, it is hoped, a  
period of deepened interest in this  
important branch of mission work.

GIRL GUIDES  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Fifth Victoria Florence Night-  
ingale Company Girl Guides enter-  
tained their friends at a very suc-  
cessful Christmas party at their  
headquarters, Cecil Bay, on Friday  
evening. Guide games were played  
and the game of "Donkey," with a  
Christmas tree and all its trimmings,  
provided much fun. Elsie Macrae  
winning the prize. Useful presents  
were exchanged, most of which were  
hand made ones well thought out by  
each Guide. A delightful supper en-  
dowed the evening. Mrs. F. Butler  
the wishes all Guides and their  
guests a very Merry Christmas and  
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P. S. HONEYWOOD  
WAS ROBBED IN  
NEW JERSEY

New York, Dec. 24.—Philip S.  
Honeywood, youngest son of the late  
Sir John William Honeywood, Eng-  
land, was severely beaten and robbed  
of a large sum of money while on his  
home near Woodcliff Lake, N.J.,  
last night.

CHILDREN'S FANCY  
BALL WEDNESDAYAnnual Affair to Aid Boys'  
Naval Brigade

Predominant in the interest of the  
very young set of the city and almost  
overshadowing the excitement at-  
tendant upon Christmas and its joys,  
is the annual Children's Fancy Dress  
Ball which is to be held at the Em-  
press Hotel on Wednesday evening,  
December 28. Dancing will be from 7  
to 10 p.m.

For weeks past little tots have been  
tip-toe with excitement at the prospect  
of this annual function, and the ques-  
tion of what to wear has aroused as  
much interest and created as much  
complexity among the little folks as  
among the grown-ups. The demand  
for tickets suggests that the attend-  
ance this year will be even larger than  
ever, while it is whispered that there  
will be some charming frocks, sev-  
eral groups representing historical  
episodes and a host of flower cos-  
tumes having been arranged.

The arrangements as usual are in  
the capable hands of Mrs. J. Mortimer  
Appleby, whose name has been asso-  
ciated with the children's ball since  
its inception in the early days of the  
war. She is being assisted by Com-  
mander Slingby and Mr. Hadden,  
her fellow-members on the committee  
of the Boys' Naval Brigade Com-  
mittee. The proceeds of the ball will  
be added to the funds of the brigade,  
to assist in the splendid work of pre-  
paring boys for the Canadian navy.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor  
and Mrs. Nichol will be patrons of the  
event and the children will march  
before them in the Grand March at 7  
o'clock, on the way to the supper  
hall. It is hoped that the serving of  
supper will be the signal for the tiny  
tots to leave the floor, as at that hour  
the grown-ups will be allowed to  
dance.

Tickets for the affair may be ob-  
tained at T. N. Hibben & Co., the Owl  
Drug Store, Campbell Building and  
the Empress Hotel.

HOPEFUL LAWYERS  
GET THEIR REWARDIt Comes in Shape of \$79,000  
Cheque at Christmas Time

W. J. Taylor, K. C., has received  
the biggest Christmas present he  
has ever received.

Other lawyers here say it is the  
biggest thing that has come to any  
B. C. law office for many blue days.  
It is a cheque for \$79,000.

This sum represents the accumu-  
lation of fees in cases which the firm  
of Elbert & Taylor has had in con-  
nection with the Pacific Coast Coal  
Mines during the last twelve years.  
During all this time the law firm  
plodded on without money but with  
lots of hope. Finally the money has  
come as a result of the recent Sher-  
iff's sale of the company's mines at  
Sugash and the success of W. Alex-  
ander, Esq., Mr. Taylor's junior  
partner, in persuading the courts to  
order that the lawyers be paid first  
out of the proceeds.

SCOUTS' COMMISSIONER  
ISSUES MESSAGE TO  
BOYS AND OFFICERS

R. Ross Sutherland, Provincial  
Commissioner of the Boy Scouts' As-  
sociation, has extended greetings and  
seasonable advice to all Boy Scouts,  
Cubs and instructors in the follow-  
ing statement:

"At this Christmas season, when all  
are actuated by feelings of good-  
will, fellowship and the Christlike  
spirit, I would like to point out that  
the ideals of obedience, cheerfulness,  
service and the ten Scout laws are  
ideals and principles from the teach-  
ing of Christ.

"The spirit of scouting has ap-  
pealed to all nations, is approved by  
all classes and is a great asset to our  
country for the development of effi-  
ciency, virility and good citizenship.

"At this season, may I appeal to  
each Scout and Wolf Cub to cheer-  
fully carry the spirit and blessing of  
Christmas to everyone, to give them  
the kindest feeling of  
brotherhood.

"The Provincial Commissioner and  
Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts'  
Association of British Columbia ex-  
tend to all Scouts and Wolf Cubs,  
as well as officers and friends, heartiest  
Christmas greetings and every good  
wish for the coming year.

(Signed) R. ROSS SUTHERLAND,  
"Provincial Commissioner  
"Boy Scouts' Association."

## The WEATHER

Victoria, Dec. 24.—6 a. m.—The bar-  
ometer remains low on the coast, accom-  
panied by mild weather there, while in-  
land and cold weather coalesces. The em-  
perature is below zero from Kamloops  
to Lake Superior.

## Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.04; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum,  
31; wind, 15 miles E.; weather, clear.  
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.06; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 33; mini-  
mum, 22; wind, calm; weather, fair.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.38; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 4; minimum,  
6 below zero; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.04; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 4; minimum,  
6 below zero; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.08; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum,  
20; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.94; tempera-  
ture, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum,  
38; wind, 10 miles E.; weather, clear.  
Qu'Appelle—Barometer, maximum  
yesterday, 10 below; minimum, 18 be-  
low; snow, 1 in.

Temperatures.

Place	Max.	Min.
Portland, Ore.	34	30
Seattle	34	28
San Francisco	52	50
Penticton	20	10
Nelson	20	10
Cranbrook	5	5
Kaslo	21	10
Salmon	19	10
Edmonton	2	-14
Winnipeg	-16	-18
Saskatoon	12	12
Ottawa	12	12
Montreal	14	14
Quebec	14	14
Halifax	34	34

BRITISH SOCCER  
LEAGUE RESULTSAston Villa Beats Newcastle;  
Tottenham Wins From  
Chelsea

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press).—  
Results of league soccer matches played  
in the Old Country to-day follows:  
ENGLISH LEAGUE.  
First Division.  
Woolwich Arsenal, 0; Oldham Ath-  
letic, 1.  
Aston Villa, 1; Newcastle United, 0.  
Bolton Wanderers, 1; Blackburn Rov-  
ers, 1.  
Burnley, 2; Middlesbrough, 1.  
Chelsea, 1; Tottenham Hotspurs, 2.  
Everton, 2; Manchester City, 2.  
Huddersfield Town, 0; Cardiff City, 1.  
Manchester United, 0; Liverpool, 0.  
Preston North End, 1; Bradford City, 1.  
Sheffield United, 1; Birmingham, 2.  
Sunderland, 5; West Bromwich Albion, 0.  
Second Division.  
Barnsley, 3; Port Vale, 2.  
Bradford, 0; Blackpool, 0.  
Bristol City, 0; Notts Forest, 1.  
Clapton Orient, 4; Fulham, 2.  
Coventry City, 2; Sheffield Wednes-  
day, 2.  
Crystal Palace, 1; Leeds United, 0.  
Derby County, 2; West Ham United, 0.  
Leicester City, 0; Hury, 0.  
Notts County, 2; Hull City, 0.  
Stoke, 1; Rotherham County, 1.  
Wolverhampton Wanderers, 3; South  
Shields, 2.  
Third Division—Southern Section.  
Brentford, 4; Bristol Rovers, 0.  
Brighton and Hove Albion, 0; Norwich  
City, 1.  
Exeter City, 1; Watford, 3.  
Gillingham, 2; Swindon Town, 2.  
Merthyr Town, 2; Portsmouth, 1.  
Millwall Athletic, 1; Luton Town, 1.  
Queen's Park Rangers, 3; Charlton  
Athletic, 1.  
Reading, 0; Aberdare, 1.  
Southampton, 0; Northampton, 0.  
Southend United, 1; Plymouth Argyle,  
0.  
Fourth Division—Northern Section.  
Swansea Town, 2; Newport County, 2.  
Third Division—Northern Section.  
Accrington, 0; Burnley, 0.  
Barrow, 0; Nelson, 2.  
Aldershot, 1; Chesterfield, 1.  
Darlington, 0; Crewe Alexandra, 1.  
Grimsby Town, 4; Halifax Town, 3.  
Durham City, 3; Wrexham, 0.  
Rochdale, 1; West Bromwich Albion,  
0.  
Southport, 0; Stalybridge Celtic, 1.  
Stockport County, 0; Tranmere Rov-  
ers, 0.  
Wigan Borough, 1; Hartlepool, 0.  
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.  
First Division.  
Aberdeen, 1; Dundee, 0.  
Ayr United, 2; Clyde, 2.  
Celtic, 0; Falkirk, 0.  
Clydebank, 1; Kilmarnock, 1.  
Dundee, 2; Hamilton Academicals, 0.  
Hibernian, 0; Rangers, 0.  
Morton, 2; Aberdeen, 1.  
Motherwell, 1; Aldershot, 2.  
Partick Thistle, 1; Dundee's Park, 0.  
Raith Rovers, 2; St. Mirren, 0.  
Third Lanark, 2; Hearts, 0.  
Second Division.  
Aberdeen, 1; Dundee, 0.  
Broxburn, 2; Johnstone, 1.  
Dunfermline, 1; Rosses, 0.  
Lochelly, 1; Dundee Hibs, 1.  
St. Bernard, 0; King's Park, 0.  
Stenhousemuir, 0; Forfar, 0.  
Vale of Leven, 1; East Fife, 0.  
Clackmannan, 0; Cowdenbeath, 1.  
East Stirling, 2; Bathgate, 1.  
Northern Union Rugby.  
Bathurst, 1; Canterbury, 1.  
Bradford, 3; Huddersfield, 25.  
Broughton, 5; Salford, 4.  
Featherstone, 20; Hull Kingston, 3.  
Halifax, 18; Dewsbury, 0.  
Hunslet, 10; Rochdale, 18.  
Huddersfield, 18.  
Oldham, 12; Swinton, 0.  
St. Helens Recreation, 6; St. Helens, 6.  
Warrington, 10; Barrow, 5.  
Wigan, 20; Leeds, 4.  
York, 9; Leeds, 7.

## C. N. WEBB RETIRES

Printing Office Man Goes on Govern-  
ment's Superannuation List.

C. N. Webb, stock cutter of the  
Government Printing Office, Victoria,  
has been superannuated by the Gov-  
ernment, it was announced to-day by  
Premier Oliver.

P. F. Brown has been appointed  
Government liquor vendor at Anyox.  
New notices public are: G. E.  
Sky, James Hudson Pilling and  
Henry Edgar, all of Vancouver.  
ver; T. J. H. Large, of Hutton  
Mills.

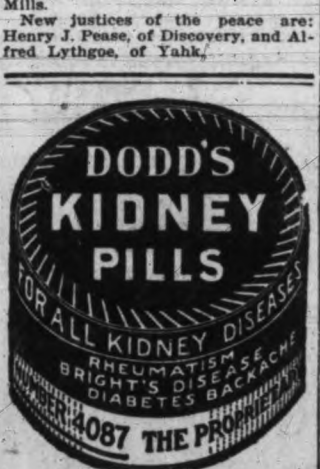
New justices of the peace are:  
Henry J. Pease, of Discovery, and Al-  
fred Lythgoe, of Yakh.

## WELSH CELEBRATION.

On New Year's Eve the local Welsh  
people intend reviving the ancient  
custom of celebrating the advent of  
the New Year. The whole of the top  
floor of the Campbell Building has  
been secured for the occasion.

This celebration, which is being  
supported by many of our prominent  
Welsh citizens, including professional  
and business men, is the inaugura-  
tion of a year of renewed activity for  
the local Welsh Society. The pro-  
ceedings will open at 6:30 p. m. with  
a children's competitive concert, after  
which refreshments, provided by the  
ladies, will be served to the young-  
sters, to be followed by the distribu-  
tion of presents to every Welsh child  
as well as prizes to the successful  
competitors. The adult programme  
will commence at 8:30 p. m. with  
recitations, solos, duets, quartettes  
and choruses will be rendered by nu-  
merous artists. A buffet supper will  
be served at 10:30 p. m.

The programme committee, Messrs.  
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## WIRELESS REPORT

8 a. m. Report.

Point Grey—Bright, calm, 30.10, 32.  
smooth.

Cape Luzz—Bright, northwest, light,  
23.97, 24, smooth.

Alert Bay—Bright, calm, 30.10, 26,  
smooth.

Buff Harbor—Bright, calm, 23.98, 27,  
smooth; 8:30 p. m. spoke Camosun,  
Dowager Island, south.

Prince Rupert—Bright, calm, 23.95, 27,  
smooth.

Ocean Falls—Clear, calm, 23.97, 27,  
smooth.

Estevan—Bright, calm, 23.98, 18,  
smooth; spoke Empress of Russia, 6 p. m.  
position 50.32 N., 148.55 W., in; spoke  
Africa Maru, due quarantine station  
morning of December 27.



# at the Theatre

## DOMINION

Elliott Dexter—one of the all star cast of "Don't Tell Everything," at the Dominion Theatre to-night, and in which Wallace Reid and Gloria Swanson, famous Paramount stars have the leading roles, sold his flivver before going to New York, and thereafter rode in street cars. "But," he says, "the California roads will eventually drive me into getting a motor—you can't get along without one in this part of the world." Sam Wood directed this picture which is said to be exceptionally fine.

## CAPITOL

Alice Lake, Metro's youthful star, has lost all her love for that white

## AMUSEMENTS TO-DAY

Royal—"Hullo, Canada!"  
Dominion—"Don't Tell Everything."  
Capitol—"Uncharted Seas."  
Variety—"The Other Woman."  
Columbia—"Dempsey-Carpenter Fight Picture."

and flaky snow which during the years she spent in California became almost a tradition due to the continual presence of the sun.

When with her supporting company in her forthcoming picture, "Un-

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## DOMINION

WALLACE REID  
GLORIA SWANSON  
ELLIOTT DEXTER

## "Don't Tell Everything"



## ALICE LAKE in

## "Uncharted Seas"

Jack Van Der Stratton, Tenor  
Handley Wells, Bass

charted Seas," from the original story by John Fleming Wilson, Miss Lake went to Flagstaff, Ariz., to take a number of snow scenes, she was delighted at the prospect; but after ten days of slipping over the ice and falling in drifts the star decided that a sprained ankle and an irritating cold had cured her of any further Arctic longing.

This picture, from John Fleming Wilson's story, in Munsey's Magazine, was adapted to the screen by George Elwood Jenks and directed by Wesley Ruggles. It will be seen for the last time to-day at the Capitol Theatre.

## VARIETY

William Conklin, who is seen in a most important role in "The Other Woman," the newest Hodgkinson release, which will be the featured attraction at the Variety Theatre to-day for the last time, is another artist whose preliminary training was received in the best of all histrionic schools, the stock company. Mr. Conklin's stage career includes appearances with Dustin Farnum in "The Virginian," and in a very great number of successful stage plays, including "Paid in Full," "Overnight" and "The Round Up." Prior to this, as has been said, he was leading man in a number of stock companies.

## COLUMBIA

To anyone who visited Jersey City to see the famous Dempsey-Carpenter heavyweight fight will be surprised to see the amount of detail which they missed and which is clearly shown in the only authentic film version of this fight, entitled "The Battle of the Century," showing at the Columbia Theatre to-day. It will offer a unique opportunity to those who were not able to see the fight of witnessing the greatest sporting event of modern times better than if they had travelled to the arena. The pictures have been taken direct from the ringside by a battery of twenty cameras, and the whole event has been thoroughly covered. "It shows the champion and contender battling for supremacy."

## THE BURDEN BEARER.

Groome—"Why does old Melborn always look so sad?"  
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## VARIETY

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## DEAD SLOW.

He (just accepted)—I-er-want to confess, darling, that I've been engaged before.

She—Oh, you slowpoke! Why, this is my fifth.—Boston Transcript.

## THE BEGGAR'S OPERA COMING TO ROYAL

Company Broke All Records in London and New York

Bringing with them an orchestra of such ancient instruments as the lute and the spinnet, which played in the first production in 1728, "The Beggar's Opera," which has had a run of three years in London, comes to the Royal Theatre for three days, commencing January 5. This wonderful old musical show has broken all London records, and New York and Chicago have both pronounced it the finest thing American audiences have seen in years. With just enough spice and sparkle to make it interesting, with the most melodious music heard on an American stage in many a day, with swanking rolistering heroes in rag bag and velvetene, with ladies of the town for heroines, the "Beggar's Opera," yet maintains that fine spirit and that dash and swing which is characteristic of the modern musical show. John Gay, who wrote the piece in 1728, founded the story on the life of a bold highwayman. He set there sixty-five of the most popular tunes of the day, threw in his rich store of wit and humor, added a touch of paprika here and there in melodious bits of song and banter, and "The Beggar's Opera," the most popular musical show ever written, came into being. It was the first production of the theatre that had dared point a finger at the follies and the manners of the day, and the shams of Royalty. Running all through the production is a fine vein of humor: there is a laugh in every line, and every line strikes fire. The company is the first all English organization that has visited America, since the war, and it is complete with all the equipment that was used in the London run of nearly a thousand nights. It is daring and debonair. Not the least of its charms lies in the music, those lovely airs which have come from no one knows where, and in Gay's time, were the common heritage of the people. The whole piece is a charming splash of color and gaiety. It is a show.

## PROBABLY NOT.

Clerk—"My salary is not what it should be."  
Employer—"But do you think you could live on what it should be?"—Pearson's Weekly.

## AT PANTAGES, MONDAY



JOHN KELLERD

Performances of the best in Shakespeare, presented by the eminent actor, John E. Kellard, will be offered at the Pantages Theatre next week, with a special Christmas matinee Monday.

It is seldom now in these days of tawdry farce and unmeaning comedy that lovers of the best in dramatic art have an opportunity to satisfy that craving. Mr. Kellard, as a player, needs no introduction to us here. His reputation as a Shakespearean actor has won the highest praise from the critics of North America, and to-day he is the only actor of note worthy interpreting the works of the "immortal bard." Born in Kensington, England, Mr. Kellard came early to this country, where his stage career has been an arduous, honorable and successful one. He was co-star with Madame Modjeska in most of the plays of Shakespeare, and played Louis XVI. in her production of "Marie Antoinette." He is the only player who ever presented "Hamlet"

in New York City for 102 consecutive performances.

The power of Kellard as a Shakespearean actor lies in his keen conception of each of the tragedies as a whole. His "Hamlet" is not a mere compact of academic psychology, but a living, prince animated by natural impulses; real, human and understandable. His "Othello" is a Moor dominated by brain rather than brawn; the character of a simple, great-hearted soldier, too generous in his own soul to suspect deceit in others. His "Shylock" shows a much-tried man, far above all questions of race and creed, moved by the same emotions as his competitors, patient in defeat, dignified in his suffering. And in "Macbeth" he shows us a man primitive in reasoning, guided on to ambition by outside forces and tortured by his own soul into the agonies of remorse. And in his interpretation of all these characters Mr. Kellard makes the poetic symbolism of the master dramatist keenly felt.

## CANADIAN CONSERVATIVE EXAMINATIONS.

The following pupils of Miss Clare Powell were presented to Mrs. Gideon Hicks for the preliminary elocution examination:  
Polly Luxton—Pass with honors.  
Phillipa Luxton—Pass with honors.  
Audrey Enniver—Pass.  
The following pupils of Miss Clare Powell were presented to Mrs. Huntley Green for first year pianoforte examination:  
Lionel Cox—Pass with honors.  
Clara Stevenson—Pass with honors.  
Ada Raines—Pass.  
The bronze medal for pianoforte playing was awarded to Lionel Cox, the test piece being Grieg's "Wedding Day." The Conservatory is receiving congratulations on its success, every student entering these examinations having passed.

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT ST. ANDREW'S

Reversing the usual order of things, the Sunday School pupils of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last evening attended a Christmas party in the schoolroom, taking with them gifts for the Christmas tree, instead of receiving them. The gifts which were in the nature of groceries, staples, toys, sweets and articles of clothing will be used to fill ten hampers for needy families in the city, the distribution being undertaken in conjunction with the Friendly Help Society to avoid overlapping. About two hundred young people and grown-ups attended the affair, and enjoyed the excellent entertainment given under the supervision of A. E. Robertson, Superintendent of the Sunday School, assisted by Miss Mary Mitchell, Miss May Simpson and John G. Simpson.

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## OAK BAY COUNCIL WILL SEE CHANGE

Three Members Dropping Out; Other Offices

The Oak Bay Council will undergo a considerable change owing to the fact that three of the present members are dropping out and, with the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor J. J. Shalkcross, there will be four seats to fill for the 1922 Council. The retiring members are: A. E. Mallett, P. McKechnie and A. D. Macfarlane.

It is understood that Police Commissioner J. V. Roberts, whose term is expiring, and H. E. S. Paterson, together with David Reid will be candidates for the Council. Three members of the School Board conclude their term of office this year, namely: Trustees E. Tomlin, W. E. Adams and H. F. Hewitt and the three will stand again for re-election for the two-year term. C. P. W. Schwengers is retiring from the Board with a year yet to serve, and R. W. Hibernation will run for the office.

W. W. Duncan is the only candidate announced for the vacancy on the Board of Police Commissioners. Reeve S. J. Drake has made no announcement regarding his intentions but it is considered as almost certain that he will be Reeve of the municipality for another year.

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## Y.M.C.A. TO HOLD ANNUAL RECEPTION

"Open House" on Monday, Jan. 2; Fine Programme

"Open House" will be held by the Y. M. C. A. on Monday, January 2, and the New Year event will be one that will probably stand out as a record among affairs of the kind. The Y. M. C. A. is annually visited by hundreds of the parents and boys who have been or are at present members of the popular institution. Throughout Canada the Y. M. C. A. Year's in the real old-time fashion and elaborate programmes for the entertainment of the guests have been prepared in each case. Victoria is no exception in this respect and all those who pay the "Y" a visit on January 2 will be assured of a hearty and warm welcome. George McGregor, president of the Association, directors, the staff and their wives will be the hosts. The building will be thrown open to the public during the day and exhibits of various branches of the work will be displayed. The reception itself will be open to members and their friends. An orchestra will be in attendance during

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## VICTORIA CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A Special Meeting of the Association will be held in the Club Rooms, Campbell Building, on

THURSDAY, 29TH INSTANT,

at 8 p. m., for the purpose of considering amendments to the constitution of the Association by providing for Ward Organization. All Victoria Conservatives are invited to attend.

NORMAN A. FOSTER, Secretary.  
Victoria Conservative Association.

the afternoon and evening, and from 2.30 to 4.30 a gymnastic display will be given in the gymnasium, followed by a swimming exhibition at 4.30. In the evening an informal programme will be given in which a number of interesting features have been provided. Refreshments will be served throughout the day by Mrs. R. W. Mayhew and her refreshment committee. The final details of the affair are now being arranged and a good time for all is promised.

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## Charles Dickens' Impressions of Canada

By H. GERALD WADE

Author of "With Bob in Montreal," "Dickens and a Merry Christmas," "Sam Slick, the Dickens of Canada," Etc.

"Canada has always held, and always will retain a foremost place in my remembrance."

It is now seventy-nine years since Dickens started from Liverpool in a small paddle steamer of 1,000 tons, built by an ingenious man named Cunard, to face a fearful winter crossing the Atlantic. There is no doubt that the sketches of American life, both in fact and in fiction, given to the world on his return by Dickens, largely affected the relations of the two continents to each other for many years afterwards. Dickens's description of American characters—Colonel Diver, Mr. Jefferson Brick, Major Pawkins, General Fladdock and Mr. La Fayette Kettle, probably even to-day still color British thought and feeling about the United States.

In his notes Dickens writes that he wished to abstain from instituting any comparison or drawing any parallel whatever between the social features of the United States and Canada. He said: "Canada has held and always will retain a foremost place in my remembrance," and Canadians are second to none in their love for the works of Charles Dickens, and no English writer, no teller of Christmas tales, touches them more nearly or makes his characters so real to them, characters many of whom have counterparts in our cosmopolitan country. In Canada we have five branches of the Dickens Fellowship, the Toronto branch being the largest in the world.

The most intimate connection of all between our great country and the great novelist is a personal visit he paid us in 1842, when our country was not then so great, but when the novelist was firm in his enormous popularity. And as Dickens's notes of this visit to Canada are least known, perhaps, in Canada, of any of his writings, I give here what I have gleaned from his correspondence, hoping that his glimpses of old Canada may be interesting to Canadian readers.

For some time Dickens had entertained a desire to visit America and he wrote to Forster: "I have made up my mind (with God's leave) to go to America, and to start as soon after Christmas as it will be safe to go." Of taking Mrs. Dickens with him, he said: "Kate cries usually if I mention the subject," but later writes, "Kate is quite reconciled." Prominent among the novelist's numerous well-wishers anxious for his life journey was the kindly humorist Thomas Hood, who composed the following witty verse:—

Here's success to all his antics,  
Since it pleases him to roam,  
And to paddle o'er Atlantic  
After such a sale at home.

May he shun all rocks whatever,  
And shallow sands that lurk,  
And the passage be as clever  
As the best among his works!"

At length came the eventful day, and three-fourths of the fourth series of men with which, on the morning of January 3, 1842, I opened the door and put my head into the stateroom on board the Britannia steam packet, bound for Canada, and carrying her Majesty's mails.

While Dickens could not have foreseen the luxury of our modern travel, he was quite conscious of the poor accommodation offered for which he had to pay thirty-eight guineas, which was at that time the fare between Liverpool and Halifax. In his notes he speaks of his cabin as "an utterly impossible, impracticable, thoroughly hopeless and proudly preposterous box." Of his berth he also wrote: "Something they call my bed, but which I believe to be a muffin beaten flat."

The trip across the Atlantic in mid-winter was an exceptionally rough one. Of this much-advertised noble "paddle-wheel ship" he wrote: "Every plank and timber creaked as if the ship was made of wickerwork, and now crackled like an enormous fire of the driest possible twigs," and that he arrived safely is a wonder, judging by his unpublished private letters.

On January 26, the ship arrived at Halifax, after being sixteen days out. Dickens was met by the member for Halifax, Honorable Joseph Howe, and escorted to the House of Assembly, where he sat at the right hand of the Speaker, the Honorable L. O. W. Archibald, and gave a short address. Of this event he says:

"The ceremonial and forms observed were so closely copied and so gracefully presented on a small scale that it was like looking at Westminster through the wrong end of a telescope."

The Nova Scotian has a long article regarding Dickens giving in full his reply to a toast at a banquet in his honor.

While our Canadian papers at the time seem to have made much of his visits to other places, they give very little information regarding his

en's alleged ingratitude. It is interesting to note that in 1858 Thackeray, Sam Slick and Dickens were fellow-members of the Athenaeum club. Of Halifax Dickens said the whole aspect was cheerful, thriving and industrious, and he carried away with him a most pleasant impression of the town and its inhabitants. He writes: "Nor was it without regret that I returned home without having found an opportunity of returning and once more shaking hands with the friends we made."

Over two weeks were spent in Montreal and Quebec. This part of his Canadian trip he seemed to enjoy very much, especially his visits to the officers at the barracks. They were guests at Rascoe's (not "Pease's") as Forster and other authorities print in hotel, St. Paul Street, Montreal. In Dickens's time it was considered the finest hotel in Canada. The hotel with the original name on it can be seen to-day, and its wide and generous fireplaces hint its former glory. It is the only building associated with Dickens that remains in Canada to-day. While there Dickens and his wife made many friends and enjoyed a number of delightful drives. Bob wrote:

"Our drives were made doubly interesting by the bursting out of spring which is here so rapid that it is but a few days' leap from barren winter to the blooming youth of summer. The streets of Montreal he described as being 'generally narrow and irregular, the city displaying a great variety of good shops and many excellent dwellings.'"

It was in Montreal that Dickens won his first great laurels as an actor at the Old Queen's Theatre, at the eastern extremity of St. Paul Street, on May 24 and 25, in a performance arranged by the officers of the Coldstream Guards, who were at that time stationed there. The plays presented



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were "A Roland for an Oliver," "Past Two O'clock in the Morning," and a farce entitled "Dad as a Post." Sir Charles Bagot and Sir Richard Jackson and their staffs were present and the military portion of the audience were all in full uniform. The theatre was lighted with gas and the scenery was excellent. "I really do believe that I was very funny," he wrote to Forster, "at least I know that I laughed heartily at myself. It went with a roar all through; but only think of Kate playing, and playing devilishly well, I assure you."

During his stay in Montreal Dickens made a short trip to Quebec and was much charmed (as we all are to this day) by its interest and beauty. He wrote, "The impression made upon the visitor by this Gibraltar of America, its giddy heights, its citadel suspended as it were in the air, its picturesque steep streets and its splendid views which burst upon the eye at every turn is at once unique and lasting. The dangerous precipice, along whose rocky front Wolfe and his brave companions climbed to glory; the Plains of Abraham, where Wolfe received his mortal wound are not the least among the associations clustering about it which would make a desert rich in interest."

They left Montreal on May 30, and his last greeting in Canada was from the officers at the barracks, and with "Rule Britannia" sounding in his ears he sailed away.

After his visit he wrote of Canada: "Few Englishmen are prepared to find it what it is—advancing quietly, old differences settling down and being fast forgotten, public feeling and private enterprise alike in a sound and wholesome state, nothing of flush or fever in its system, but steady pulse. It is full of hope and promise. To me, who has been accustomed to think of it as something left behind in the strides of advancing society, as something neglected and forgotten slumbering and wasting in its sleep, the demand for labor and the rates of wages the busy quays, the vessels taking in their cargoes and discharging them, the amount of shipping in the different ports, the commerce, roads and public works—all made to last—the respectability and character of the public journals and the amount of rational comfort and happiness which honest industry can earn, were very great surprises."

It is now fifty years since Charles Dickens returned from the second visit. Unhappily his life was too far spent for him to place on permanent record the changes in his impressions about the American people. He was to produce no second novel on American life which would unwrite the harsh judgments of Martin Chuzzlewit. It would have been better for the relations between the two countries if he could have built up into one of his immortal novels the various kindly impressions of the American people which are now contained only in his Biography and Letters. There is nothing, for instance, in Martin Chuzzlewit to convey the judgment everywhere recorded by Dickens in his intimate writings both in 1842 and 1868, as to the amazing courtesy of the Americans toward women. It was in 1842 that he wrote from Boston:

"There is universal deference paid

to ladies, and they walk about at all seasons wholly unprotected." A remarkable tribute to a rough and early civilization. Or again, his description of their habits at the rough meals which he otherwise loved so little. "Nobody will sit down to any one of those meals, though the dishes are smoking on the board, until the ladies have appeared and taken their chairs."

"The ladies of America," he says, "are decidedly and unquestionably beautiful." And Dickens had a distinct eye for beauty. Everyone who visits America to-day will bear evidence that there is here no falling away. But it is even more remarkable to find scattered through Dickens's letters to Forster tributes to the American men which certainly do not seem wholly consistent with the sketches contained in Martin Chuzzlewit. "Americans," he says, "are friendly, earnest, hospitable, kind, frank, very often accomplished, far less prejudiced than you would suppose, warm-hearted, fervent, enthusiastic." Great Britain and the United States are both countries in which every man likes to "say the thing he will," and therefore we have always indulged in amazing freedom in our criticism of one another.

Billiards is recommended by doctors as the best exercise after eating a Christmas dinner, especially for people unaccustomed to the heavy fare provided on the festive occasion—Till-Bits.

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## CHOIR BOYS DEMAND TREBLE PAY

Mercenary choristers are responsible for the present inclination to abandon or reduce the employment of boys in the most prominent of the London church choirs, and to substitute selected female voices from among various volunteers who gladly offer their services. Boys are not so prominent in the ordinary churches of the City of London, which have few visitors, and make up congregations from the families of adult choristers and other salaried officials of the church; but in the cathedrals and more important churches of Greater London musical services constitute the principal attractions.

Churches having the best music are St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, All Saints' Church, Margaret Street, the Temple and Chapel Royal, all of which maintain choir schools. Even then it is difficult to discover brilliant singers among the boys, who, it is declared by The Daily Chronicle, will only devote attention to practice if well paid for hymns, psalms and chants.

Richard J. C. Chanter, Mus. B., in whose care is the musical education of the 700 boys at University College School, believes that there is nothing to equal, for choir purposes, the perfect voice of a boy. "But among my 700 pupils," he said, "I have not been able to discover one whom I can regard as a possible choir boy of the perfect type."

"In the absence of a special school, the first thing a choirmaster has to do in the case of an ordinary boy is to teach him how to speak. Very often he has an accent which must be eliminated. Then he has to be taught how to sing, to understand music, to read it; and very likely he is a boy who can hardly read the words of the Psalms."

"But even here, where the boys, according to their classes, are taught everything possible, I have not, and do not know if ever I shall discover boys who would bring to a choir that rare perfection which makes church music a delight."

## AMERICAN AND ENGLISH FASHIONS

Lady Henry, an American-born woman (but widow of an Englishman), has been requested by The Daily Chronicle to express her views on a quotation from the article by Anne O'Hare McCormick, appearing in the New York Times Book Review and Magazine, which reads: "In England, where there are no complexities, and no clothes worth speaking of, the American woman looks allow, but startlingly frigid and smart."

Lady Henry warmly extolled the English women, while, however, quite willing to admit that American women could be credited with a complete knowledge as to how to "wear" their clothes. "So much depends upon the individual," she asserted. "Personally, I think a beautiful Englishwoman shines wherever she may be."

"But, in any case, I do not think that clothes count for as much now as they did before the war. Englishwomen who did war work are, perhaps, not so super-particular about their clothes as they were. I think they have found out that more



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depends on personality than on clothes.

"Another point is that so many of the American women one sees are merely passing through from one place to another. Naturally, they wear the kind of clothes which are suitable for traveling—that is, the 'trig, smart' tailor-mades to which Miss McCormick refers."

An American business man who visits London twice a year added his quota of comparison:

"What always strikes me about Englishwomen, when I return to London after three or four months in New York, is their restful appearance. It seems to me that their clothes express some quality of this

kind which the majority of our women lack.

"Americans abroad are naturally in what may be called 'luggage kit,' Englishwomen in their own country are not under the necessity of being so absolutely trim. They can overflow a little into broken lines and bunchings, to express the thing untechnically, which, after all, have their own charm."

THERE WILL BE A TALK-FEST.

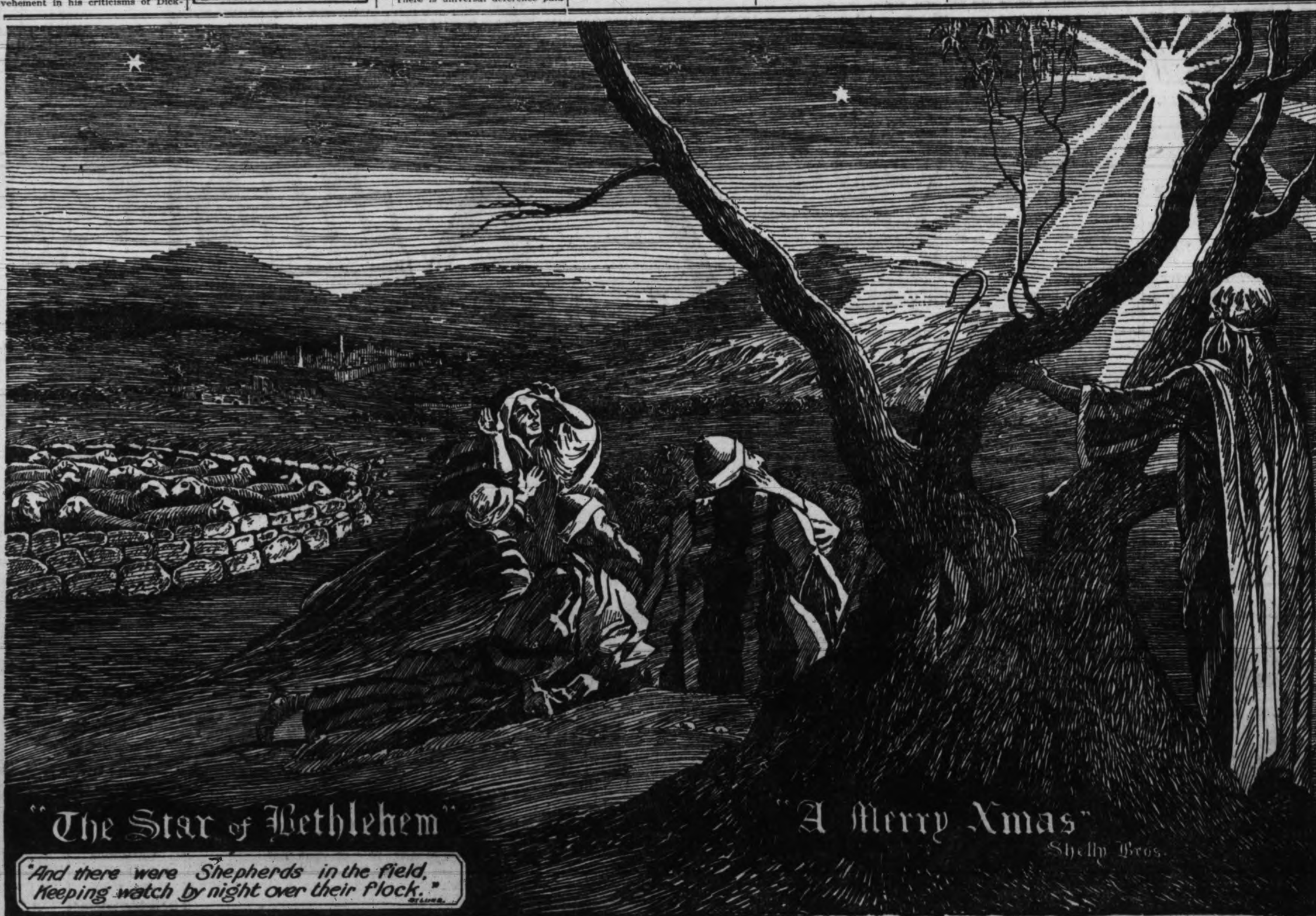
Tommy Church will have a fine time in opposition. Wait till some of the French members get after him. —Kitchener Record.

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## CANADIAN AND AMERICAN GOOD ROAD MEN MEET

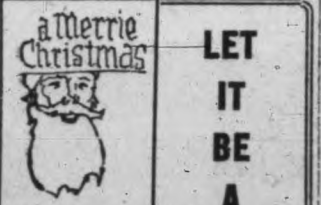
Great Chicago Gathering Fixed  
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New York, Dec. 18.—In order to bring about closer co-operation and a more thorough exchange of views and experiences in building highways, especially along the border between the two countries, Canadian and American road officials, engineers and contractors to the number of several thousand, are being invited to participate as delegates in the Twelfth American Good Roads Congress and Thirteenth National Good Roads Show to be held in the Coliseum, Chicago, Ill., January 17 to 20 next. The big convention, which this year will assume more of an international character, will be held under the auspices of the American Road Builders' Association.

Among the new officers recently elected by this organization is W. A. McLean, Deputy Minister of Highways, Province of Ontario, Canada, who was chosen a director. Prominent in the work of the organization also are J. A. Douchette, city manager of Oremont; Lucius E. Allen, Belleville, Ontario; Malcolm Calder, Calgary, Alberta; H. J. Walker, Cornwall, Ontario; P. M. Clark, Halifax, N. S.; H. A. Brazier, London, Ontario; C. C. Lapierre, Paul Emile Mercier, John Randall Roberts and H. G. Van Scoyoc, Montreal, Quebec; C. R. Wheelock, Orangeville, Ontario; Alan K. Hay, Ottawa, Ontario; John C. Dufresne, Penitence, British Columbia; Henry Gabriel, Chief Engineer, Dept. of Highways, Province of Quebec; B. Michand, Deputy Minister, Dept. of Roads, Quebec; P. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works; R. C. Harris, Comm. of Works; K. D. MacDonald, and George William Payne, all of Toronto; S. L. Squire, president, Canadian Good Roads Association; Walter Scott, Victoria, B. C., and many other Canadians active in highway work.

Well Represented.  
That Canada will be well represented at the Congress is evidenced by the fact that governors of Canadian provinces, mayors of Canadian cities and Canadian good roads, engineering and contracting organizations are expected to send from three to five official delegates each to participate in the discussions and report as to the latest developments in road and street construction during the meeting.

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along with prospects for 1922, highway finance, administration, maintenance and transportation, highway accidents and their cause. Full contract letting, bridge construction, drainage, salvaging old roads, highway specifications, material prices and labor, traffic regulation, training engineers and supervisors and other subjects too numerous to mention.

The Congress and show will surpass anything of the kind ever held, either in Europe or America, both in point of attendance and instructive value and in the number and variety of the exhibits of road-building machinery, materials, methods, and appliances and highway transportation equipment. Fully 20,000 delegates are expected to attend, not only from the United States and Canada but from Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico and several South American countries.

All of the 40,000 square feet of exhibition space in the Coliseum and Annex was taken at the first drawing of space in October, making it necessary for the exposition officials to lease adjoining buildings in order to house the overflow. The United States Bureau of Public Roads will have an extensive exhibit covering 2,000 square feet, and demonstrating impact, material and subgrade tests and the methods of construction approved by the department.

One session of the Congress will be devoted to Portland cement concrete roads, another to the asphalt and bituminous types, a third to brick and other types of pavement and a fourth to earth, gravel and macadam roads. Another session will be given over to a thorough discussion of the problems involved in highway transport.

## AN EASY POSITION WHEN DRIVING CAR

Proper Attitude Keeps Body  
and Mind Alert

Pleasure and comfort in touring depend to a large extent on the driving position.

The man who slouches in his seat grips the wheel hard and maintains a tense attitude while riding, will find a long country trip, tiring and strenuous.

The best position for riding is the easiest—sitting up straight, resting easily against the seat back and keeping the body erect. Slouching, say psychologists, retards the activity of the brain. An easy, upright position keeps the mind alert and the body ready for every emergency.

It is not necessary to grip the steering wheel tensely. A loose hold helps maintain riding ease. A good position for the hands is that in which they make 20 minutes after 10, although many drivers find driving easier when they hold the wheel at about 15 minutes after 8.

Keep your head up and eyes forward. Especially in changing gears the eyes should be on the road ahead and not on the control lever. It is good practice to glance off the road occasionally, but only when the car is going at an even rate of speed and the road is straight and clear ahead.

At such times also the foot ought to be off the clutch pedal. In fact, the clutch pedal should not be touched except for actual use. And use of the clutch should be limited. It is better to throttle the engine whenever possible instead of throwing out the clutch. The average driver uses his clutch about twice as often as he should, with the result that the clutch collar becomes worn and the clutch slips within the flywheel.

Either working, lead or graphite or loose, twisted asbestos rope packing should be used for packing water pump glands. When the asbestos is used it should be soaked thoroughly in cylinder oil and covered with the flake graphite. It should be coiled around the shaft in the direction of turn of the gland nut, and this latter should not be tightened more than enough to prevent leakage of water. The wrench should not be put on this nut.

A cracked winter jacket is not as serious a trouble as one might imagine. The cylinder should be removed and the inside examined to make sure there is no leak into the cylinder. If there is that must be repaired also. If not, the leak in the water jacket can be welded and the casting made serviceable again.

Ball bearings should be inspected at least once every six months, the rough or worn balls replaced with perfect ones, and the ball run filled with graphite dirt.

A careful driver seldom gets into the hospital or police court.

Chains should be placed on tires with the hooks to the rear.

Foreign matter in the fuel system may cause carburetor trouble.

Mrs. Smith, imbued with a spirit of neighborly interest in a woman who was recovering from influenza, said to her little son:—

"Willie, dear, just run and ask how old Mrs. Brown is this morning."

"Willie returned within five minutes looking crestfallen."

"Well, have you seen Mrs. Brown?" the mother asked.

"Yes, and she said I was to tell you that it's none of your business how old she is."—Tit-Bits.

As the result of splendid combination among the forwards, a great goal had been scored by the home team.

An enthusiastic supporter, waving his waving stick as he shouted and cheered, knocked out a tooth belonging to a man behind him.

"Easy on, old chap," said the injured party, holding his mouth.

"That's knocked my tooth out," said the enthusiast, looking over his shoulder in disgust. "What's a tooth to a goal like that?"—Tit-Bits.

## BEARINGS ARE SUPPORTS FOR MOVING PARTS

Many of Them and of Various  
Kinds

What is a bearing? Well, it is a support for a moving part, made so as to minimize friction, stand wear and achieve fine adjustment. It would not be a bad idea if more humans had the characteristics of a bearing, says H. C. Brokaw, Y.M.C.A. technical director, New York.

There are hundreds of these things in an automobile, so one could hardly be blamed for losing just a few. But the loss of only a few might raise merry havoc with the machine, and put it in that drydock of the automobile world—the repair shop.

There are many types of bearings, some in which the metals are selected with the idea of obtaining strength rather than non-friction qualities; others have strong metal shells lined with a comparatively soft non-friction metal.

In addition to this we have the so-called anti-friction bearings, in which balls, or straight, taper, or helical rollers are used, giving a rolling rather than a sliding contact.

On the engine alone there are more than one hundred bearings. This is figured on the average six-cylinder motor; some of them have more than double the number. There are for instance, the following:

Six cylinders, six wrist-pin bearings, six crank-pin bearings, four main, three cam-shaft, twelve cam, twelve push rod, twelve valve stem, two fan, two water pump, eight ignition, six spark control, six carburetor control, six carburetor, three oil pump, four self-starter, and four self-starter linkage bearings; total 102.

The first named, cylinder and piston, not generally termed bearings, are usually of cast iron, which gives comparatively long wear and in which the friction is not great if well lubricated. When wear does occur at this point it is necessary to rebore and have larger pistons fitted.

When Wear Occurs.

The wrist-pin bearings usually are in the form of a bronze shell, called a bushing, surrounding the wrist pin when wear occurs it is necessary to drive out the bushing and replace with a new one which fits. In some cases it is necessary to replace the wrist pin also.

The crank-pin bearings are usually in halves, the metal babbit or bronze, and surrounded by a steel strap or casing. When wear occurs, the adjustment is made by taking out thin sheets of metal, called shims, which allow the metal to be brought closer together. The main crank-shaft bearings are of the same type.

The cam-shaft bearings are usually in bushing form, or of ball type, which must be replaced with new ones when they become worn. The cam-follower bearings may be just

flat plates resting directly upon the cam, or rollers running on a pin in the valve push rod. Wear in these parts would usually be compensated for by adjusting screws on the valve push-rods.

The push-rod guides are sometimes made of cast iron or other metal, with babbit or bronze shell in bushing form, and would require replacement when worn.

The oil pump bearings consist of a plunger working in a small cylinder, with one end bearing against a cam, or a pair of gears driven from the cam shaft. These bearings, being perfectly lubricated, seldom or never require adjustment.

All of the bearings considered so far are cared for by the lubricating system of the engine, which starts when the engine starts to run, and as long as oil is kept in the engine they are quite certain to be taken care of, barring accidental stoppage of the oil feed.

Fan Also on Bearings.

The fan usually runs on ball bearings, which are lubricated with a squirt can, being usually of the cup and cone type, that are adjusted by tightening the cone. The water pump bearings are lubricated by compression grease cups; when the bearings become badly worn it is necessary to drive out the bushings and replace them; generally the shaft also will need replacing. When this shaft becomes worn out, or round no amount of tightening of the stuffing box will prevent water from leaking out.

The valve stem guides are sometimes bushings, but more usually are holes bored through the cylinder casting. In the former case, when wear occurs the bushing may be driven out and a new one, with new valve, installed; in the latter case, the holes must be reamed true and larger, and valves with larger stems be inserted.

In the ignition system ball bearings usually are employed with or without means of adjustment. These are lubricated with an oil can, or packed in grease. There is one bearing of the ignition system which is unique in that some manufacturers advise keeping it free of lubrication substances of any kind. This is the rocker arm of the interrupter on certain makes of magnetos. Other forms of interrupters are so constructed that lubrication is advisable.

The carburetor air-valve bearing operates better if not lubricated, but does wear and need replacing at times. The throttle bearings may be lubricated and would certainly wear longer if this were done. When they do wear air is admitted which is noticeable at low engine speed, causing skipping and irregular running. Then the holes in the casting must be enlarged and a large shaft inserted.

Pins Usually Not Adjustable.

The throttle and spark-control linkage have a number of bearings, which may be of the steel and socket type or a wire bent to fit in an eye. These pins should be frequently lubricated with a squirt can. Usually they are not adjustable, so that parts must be replaced when they become badly worn.

The self-starter motor and generator are usually equipped with ball bearings and are lubricated with a squirt can. Both the motor, and generator have a copper commutator on which, carbon brushes bear. These



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are not bearings, strictly speaking, but they do require a very slight trace of oil. The commutator becomes worn occasionally and must be smoothed up with fine sand paper, or, if badly worn, must be removed and trued in a lathe.

The other principal bearings throughout the car are usually of ball or roller type, which may or may not be adjustable. Usually the directions for the care and replacement are given in the manufacturer's instruction book.

## TRACTOR USED TO TURN PRESS WHEN ELECTRICITY FAILS

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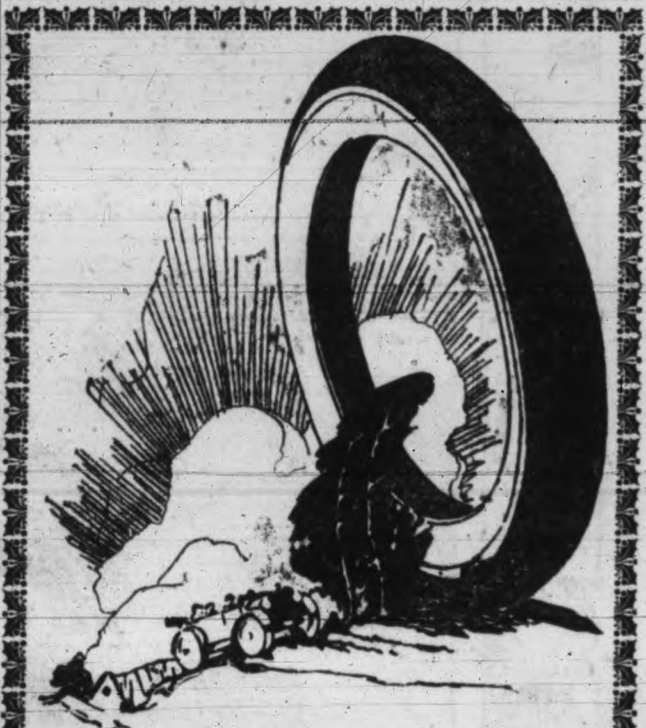
for a sixteen-page paper, which meant more than 1,000 pounds of stereotyped plate on the press. It handled the sixteen pages as easily as it did the eight pages the day before. It also printed the editions on Monday.

Sometimes the enthusiastic amateur in his desire to make sure of a quick start overprimes the engine. The result is so much liquid that the spark fails to ignite it. The cure for this condition is to open the relief cocks and turn the engine over half a dozen times or so; this works out the raw fuel. Next take out the spark plugs and squirt oil on the tops of the pistons, using about a pint of four cylinders, and turning the engine over four or five times, there-

by working the oil film back on the pistons and cylinder walls.

If you wish to experiment before having the above repair made, try rusting the edges together. Make a strong solution of sal ammoniac in water and pour into water jacket. As it works out through the leak it fills it with rust, and so gradually closes it up.

If a blow pipe (sand pocket) suddenly develops in the cylinder it will cause a great deal of annoyance before the trouble is located. The cooling system will overheat repeatedly, even with the best of care. So if you are troubled with overheating and cannot locate any other cause see if there is not a slight leak from cylinder to water jacket.



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My song I tell out, for Christmas stout.

The hearty, the true and the bold;

A bumper I drain, and with might and main

Give three cheers for this Christmas old!

We'll usher him in with a merry din

That shall gladden his joyous heart.

And we'll keep him up, while there's bite or sup,

And in fellowship good we'll part.

—CHARLES DICKENS.

Aye!... Christmas... the blithe and festive season of peace and good-will, so beloved by that great "Apostle of the People," Charles Dickens, whose son formerly held a commission in the R.N.W.M.P.

With kindly forethought at all times for his men's comfort, and especially at this festive period of the year, our O.C. was no niggard in granting leave to all and sundry whose duties permitted them to leave their detachments temporarily, to enable them to come into the post and have their full share of the customary revelry that obtained in Barracks at these convivial times.

How well many of us can recall these gatherings of good fellowship, and the scenes of fun and frolic that made our Christmas Days "Merry Ones" indeed.

Our kindly old O.C., pursuing his never-failing custom, strolled into our Mess on Christmas Night, made humorous enquiry "if there were no complaints" then, after inspecting our generously spread board to see that we lacked nothing, wished us all the Compliments of the Season, and drank our healths. The corks popped and we flung chaff at Bill Stanley, the mess cook, a fat old Nova Scotian, as we filled up his glass and incidentally endeared him as "our regimental bawatchee," an old herring-choker.

Epithets. All of which pleased him as "our regimental bawatchee," an old herring-choker.

That long-suffering, eternally good natured old sea-dog, with tattooed arms akimbo, returned with interest, swearing, however, that in the matter of our dinner he had "done us proud," which was a fact.

True, a few did succumb, and fall off their perches later in the evening, as the inevitable consequences of enjoying themselves "not wisely but too well," but the majority of us kept ourselves reasonably well in hand and were able to navigate safely to port without pilotage.

Stamped indelibly in the writer's memory is the Christmas Day of 1906. All vestiges of banquetry had vanished after we had duly drunk "The King," and "Absent Comrades." Many members were in from far-distant detachments, and the Mess was a veritable babel of greetings, enquiries, and jovial personalities, as the strong, reckless, red-blooded men made merry after the fashion of those on whom the bonds of iron discipline and exacting regimental routine are relaxed temporarily.

Willing hands had previously lugged in the piano from the canteen; and now uprose the burly figure of the bugleman, Staff-Sergeant B., called the Mess to a semblance of order, and led off with the time-honoured—

"Old King Cole was a merry old soul, And a merry old soul was he—He called for his pipe, and he called for his glass, He said: 'A Merry Christmas to all, And a Merry Christmas to me!'"

And he called for his old M.P.

Many jovial ballads followed. I give a handful from that great store, "The Ramrod Corps," "I Longshore Billy from Portsmouth Town," "Drink to Me Only," "The Old Brigade," "Mandalay," "The Company," "Sergeant-Major," "The Midshipman," "Killickankie," and "Father O'Flynn."

Constable Miles Sloan, a detachment man, uplited his mightiest bass, and by special request rendered us—"Freeze, freeze, too bitter sky!—one of those lusty Shakespearean roundels which somehow never fail to stir the blood. Needless to say we did full justice to the accompanying chorus to each verse—

"Heigh-ho! heigh-ho! unto the green holly;

Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly;

Then, heigh-ho, the holly!

This life is most jolly!"

Walker, the orderly-room Sergeant, couldn't sing, and very wisely didn't try. Instead he gave us an amusing recitation entitled "The Mermad," replying to an enthusiastic enthusiasm with that old turf favorite "Kissing Cup."

Finally Marwood, the Provost-Sergeant, moved by some unaccountable impulse, sang—very much to our surprise—Stephen Adams' "Thora!"

"I stand in a land of roses,

But I dream of a land of snow,

Where you and I were happy, dear! In the years of long ago."

He rendered it with such wild, passionate pathos, and in a voice so sweet and high and well-trained, that on recovering somewhat from our natural astonishment at this unlooked for sentimental trait in that gay and festive gentleman's temperament, we were touched to the verge of sentimentality ourselves. We so overwhelmed him with our effusive expressions of approbation that he became very wary, indeed, and, fearing that we were—as he put it—"only stringing him," doggedly refused to accede to our request for "Good King Wenceslas." Instead, he reverted straightaway from the sublime to the ridiculous by giving us (by virtue of his office) "Christmas Day in the Guard-Room," wherein is touchingly depicted the Provost-Sergeant, the "Bumble" in charge of some imaginary guard-room.

This worthy goather, after a somewhat prolonged session with an assortment of "departed spirits," recounts and is overcome with "Scrooge-like" remorse for the iron regime he has previously imposed; his domain is insidiously upon stuffing his prisoners with plum-duff. But, those hardened malefactors, dumbfounded at his sudden change, and moreover suspicious of practical jokes and japes, receive his generous proposal with singular lack of enthusiasm, thereby hurting Gobby's feelings in no little degree.

As far as I remember, the doggerel ditty ran something like this:

"Then up spake an aged prisoner, with a face as bold as brass; We don't want your blooming pudding—you can spread it in the grass!"

Justly incensed at this manifestation of base ingratitude, Gobby is reduced to the verge of apoplexy;—

"This rouse the Provost-Sergeant, and he swore by all the gods They should have no blooming pudding"—etc., etc.

It is a long ballad, far too long to permit of reproduction here, but we used to wade through the seemingly interminable verses with all the ceremony of a ritual. Service men are queer in this respect—very exacting. We would have considered it highly indecorous to omit or misplace one single line of Gobby Ricks' dire ultimatum to his mutinous gang of goal-birds. But of this ditty, more in the order of things in this life it remains a sad but inevitable fact that all good times, even the most glorious re-unions and jubilees, are apt to grow a trifle stale if prolonged beyond a certain stage. So presently, many of us having invitations from civilian friends to accept their hospitality for the balance of the evening, we joined hands to a chorus of shouts of "Close up, now, blokes!" "Auld Lang Syne" and then "Dinmies!—break off!"

Between Marwood and myself a sort of "Tom and Jerry" attachment existed, so we stuck together for the rest of that memorable night; both of us having invitations from the same people. It was a rather late hour when we took leave of our kindly hosts, but that fact didn't worry us much, as we were—"on pass" until "Reveille." It was an ideal Christmas Night. High overhead in the star-studded sky shone a splendid full moon, its clear cold rays lighting up the white world around us with a sort of phosphorescent, scintillating brilliance.

The beauty of it claimed us awhile longer, and, also, to tell the truth, we were both feeling a bit stuffy from want of exercise. We were strolling leisurely westward along what was then known as "Stephen Avenue" when the faint strains of music came to our ears, emanating apparently from a large, well-lighted, comfortable-looking dwelling which we were approaching.

"There was a sound of revelry by night," muttered Marwood, as we drew abreast of the house, "beautiful feeling—everybody happy an'—"

he broke off short and clutched my arm, "Jarge!" (my barrack-room patronymic) here!—mark time a bit!...I—hear a voice!...Hark!...

And we held our breaths ecstatically, as the night air wafted to us a woman's rich, throbbing contralto, rendering, curiously enough, the last verse of the very carol which we had that evening been begging Marwood to give us as an encore:

"Therefore, Christian men, be sure, Wealth our rank possesses, Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall yourselves find blessing."

We gave ourselves up to the luxury of silence. Marwood gave vent to one long dreary sigh, which I was able to interpret. For beneath the mask of ribald bonhomie which he usually affected upon these festive occasions, beneath the stern, regally mental outer-crust of a Provost-Sergeant, I was well aware that the man's complex soul was readily susceptible of the more beautiful things in life.

"Thank God!" he muttered presently, half to himself.

"For what?" I queried gently.

"Why, for this reason," he said, "because everybody here seems to be py an' well fixed, because, in the Nor'-West you don't run across the poverty and improvidence one sees in the Old Country."

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too deep for speech. For a time, a very long time, neither of us stirred—then.

"Jarge, old friend!" came a voice suddenly—a rather forlorn imitation of the regimental, workaday voice of Gilbert Marwood, Provost-Sergeant of 1. Division—"bout-turn!—enav-ant! let's get back....Home...."

He swung on his heel. I "bout-

turned" with him, and some impulse bade me link my arm with his.

So, slowly without another word being uttered by either of us, we walked back in the moonlight, home, to barracks, to the old "Post."

And, after all, to Marwood and myself, a couple of weary, kneeless soldiers of fortune, it was, literally, the only place in the wide world that we were entitled to claim as "Home."